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Fish Hatchery restoration project site plan unveiled

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

More than 30 people gathered at the Grayling Township Hall on January 8 to take part in discussing the future of the Grayling Fish Hatchery and to view proposed site plans to re-develop the facility and surrounding area.

The plans devised by EarthTech of Grayling feature floor plans for the unoccupied big white building, landscaping, trails and planned usage for the old natural hatchery beds on the grounds.

EarthTech volunteered to look over the site and give their opinion of the feasibility to redevelop the facility. Upon completion of the study, the Crawford County Parks Commission contracted with the company to draw up a master site plan at a cost of \$6,000, but not to the taxpayers of the county. So far, about \$4,800 has been raised by private and public donation from those interested in seeing the old hatchery become a showcase of the community and a major attraction to tourists.

EarthTech estimates that it would cost upwards of \$500,000 to bring the white building up to the specifications on the master site plan.

County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill has been a driving force behind the hatchery project. "The hatchery is an important part of the vast history of this area that really hasn't been recognized," said Merrill.

"The old white building is actually in excellent shape - a very sound building. A lot of people have expected it to just collapse," commented Merrill.

Bob Smock, chair of the Parks Commission who helped spearhead the project, said, "This is a very aesthetic area that could be made even

more beautiful. I'd like to see old-time environmental clean-up projects come out of this."

Smock pointed out that in the past economically disadvantaged kids have found jobs through river clean-up projects on the AuSable River and would like to incorporate a similar program in the future.

The Parks Commission and other members of the community representing commerce, natural resources, river conservation and recreational groups, invited representatives of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Council (RDCM) to the meeting in order to assist in the re-development coordinating efforts.

Executive Director of RDCM, Dr. David Skjaerlund, said, "The project is a vision and a dream that could be a real attraction -- a real stop and destination for those traveling north."

"A number of things could be done," said Skjaerlund. "The possibility of trails connecting accesses along streams would be a tremendous recreational asset for the area."

He added, "Those employed at the hospital and elsewhere in Grayling could enjoy their lunch hour in the proposed garden and picnic area. It will be sidewalk-accessible from town."

Steve Smith, Chair of the Economic Development Committee of the RDCM, said, "This is not just a pipe dream. Years of thought have gone into this project and the timing is now."

Smith stressed that the important thing to do now is to develop partnerships in the community and success of the project is dependent on the active interest of community members.

"We keep an eye on this kind of

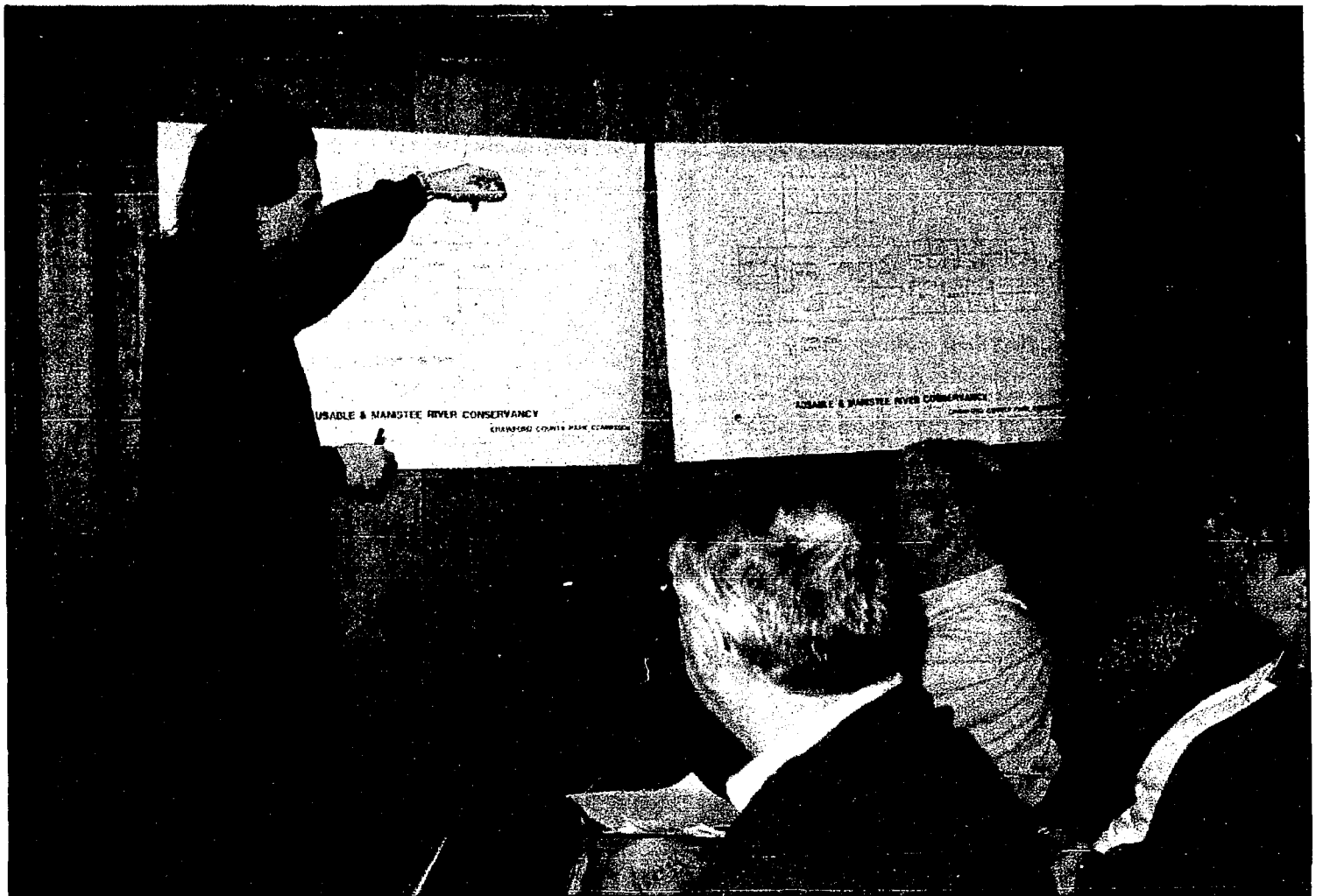


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

PART OF THE PLAN - Crawford County Environmental Monitor Patrick Merrill explains to a group of more than 30 people the proposed floor plans for the old white building at the Grayling Fish Hatchery, drawn up by EarthTech. Included in the group and shown here are, from left, Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley, retired teacher Mike Wieland, Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell and Crawford County Board Chairperson Lynnette Corlew.

project. There is no reason not to believe you could expect 100,000 visitors a year to the hatchery," said Smith. "We have taken a special interest in this project."

During the morning-long meet-

ing, attendees were asked to break up into groups of four and brainstorm ideas that could make the hatchery project a success.

Some ideas included an official Fred Bear Museum and exhibits by

such groups as the Wild Turkey Federation, Whitetails Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and Trout Unlimited.

Bird watching, a butterfly garden, tours retracing the journeys of

native Americans and trappers, riverboat building, fly-tying classes and fishing instructions, arts and crafts, an aquarium, an amphitheater

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U.S. Postal rates increase for first time in four years

New postage rates went into effect -- for the first time in four years -- on Sunday, January 10.

First-Class postage on letters weighing one ounce went up one penny to 33 cents.

On sale at all post offices now are the "H" stamps that represent 33 cents, one-cent "make-up" stamps to accompany current 32-cent stamps.

The price of the second-ounce of a First-Class letter went down one penny to 22 cents -- keeping the price of a two-ounce letter at 55 cents.

The average increase across all

classes of mail is 2.9 percent -- the lowest ever. The two-pound rate for Priority Mail service increased 20 cents to \$3.20. The half-pound Express Mail rate for next-day service increased \$1 to \$11.75.

One new feature -- delivery confirmation for Priority Mail and Parcel Post shipments -- will be available in late spring 1999.

A statement from the United States Postal Service said, "The rate increase will fund further investments in building, vehicles and equipment to assure service continues to improve."

Townline Bridge construction bill still unpaid

Road Commission files suit against Lovells

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Attorney Bill Carey, legal counsel for the Road Commission for Crawford County, recently filed a lawsuit against Lovells Township on behalf of the Road Commission in order to settle a dispute involving a bill for Townline Bridge.

The bridge, which is located in the township of Lovells, was completed in June of 1998 and opened to traffic on June 11. The Townline construction project ended up costing over \$450,000.

The legal dispute began on September 3, when the Road Commission Board and Lovells Township Supervisor Fred Schaibly disagreed over the exact commitment the township had made to the Townline project.

The Road Commission has asserted throughout the disagreement that before the construction began the Lovells Township Board agreed to participate "for a prorated sum not to exceed \$20,000."

The Road Commission turned the matter over to Carey's office

after the September 3 board meeting. By the next meeting (September 17) the Road Commission had received \$10,000 of the \$20,000 bill.

The remaining \$10,000 is the subject of the lawsuit, which was filed by Carey on December 31.

The suit states, "That Defendant Lovells Township has failed and refused to pay \$10,000 of the \$20,000 invoice for its share of the Townline Bridge Project," and the "Plaintiff requests judgment against Defendant in the amount of

\$10,000, together with interest, cost and attorney fees."

Road Commission meets for first time in '99

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County held its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 7, and settled the first item of business for 1999: election of Board officers.

The Board elected to stay with the same officers: Ray Swiercz, Chairman; Robert Nelson, Vice-Chairman; and Bill Gannon, board member.

The meeting's main item of business was an audit report presentation by Bob Carpenter. Carpenter went over portions of the audit with the commissioners and answered their questions when appropriate.

Various aspects of the Road Commission's financial situation

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**Bob Carpenter, auditor
for the Road Commission
for Crawford County**

were discussed, including expenditures, employee 457 plans, deferred monies and general financial standing.

"Overall, we came out well compared to the budget," said Carpenter.

Also at the January 7 meeting, Managing Director Don Babcock complimented Road Commission workers for doing a good job keeping the roads clear this winter, especially during the weekend after New Year's Day in the wake of the big accident on I-75.

"Our crew and the emergency crews did an excellent job out there," said Babcock regarding the accident site. "It was quite chaotic to say the least."

"From myself and I think the whole board, we appreciate what they did," said Nelson.

'Strong Families' weakened in Lansing

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Twelve clients of New Life Community Services may have to find the means to pay for counselling services when *Strong Families, Safe Children* (SFSC) funding runs out this week. Clients affected are currently receiving free counselling to handle drug/alcohol abuse, anger, depression are for the most part fragile teens. Yet some are parents learning effective parenting skills.

Director Jeffrey Hawkins said that he will not "leave any client out in the cold," and blames Lansing bureaucracy and red tape for the delay in receiving funds that he applied for back in August 1998.

Hawkins said he also believes that the Family Independence Agency (FIA) in Lansing doesn't understand treatment in a rural setting such as ours. "There is no back-up here as there is in the suburbs and big cities," said Hawkins. "We are the only full-time licensed facility of our kind in the county and we have a 89% approval rating with our clients."

Frustrated also by the delay, said Hawkins, is Cindy Pushman, Director of the Crawford County FIA, who up until this year handled the allocation of funds to New Life through SFSC "without any problems or cutbacks." Look for an in-depth article to be published soon concerning this problem.

Local clothing store robbed

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department continues to investigate a robbery that took place at the Cartwright and Danewell Store located on M-72 West in Grayling.

According to Sheriff David Lovely, the store was broken into sometime between 8:45 p.m. on January 7 and 9 a.m. on January 8. Clothing and a small amount of cash was taken from the store. The total loss is estimated at approximately \$1,000.

The sheriff is asking that anyone with information regarding this crime, please contact his department.

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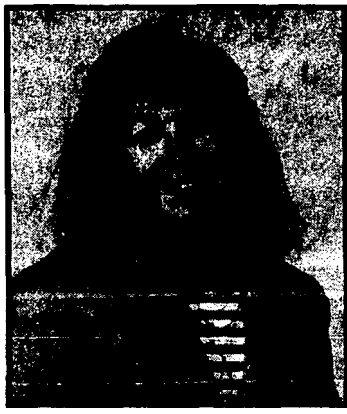
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Toll-free line set up to answer Y2K questions

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

At a press conference originally aired live on C-SPAN January 7, a new toll-free number was introduced to American consumers by the President's Council on the Y2K Conversion.

The council was formed by President Clinton on February 4, 1998 to address any consumer-related technological problems arising from the year 2000.

The toll-free number, 1-888-USA-4-Y2K, connects to a consumer response center overseen by the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Bureau of Consumer Protection. Services will expand and more operators will be hired as the need arises, according to Director Jodie Bernstein. The line is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EST).

"Consumers who want to know how computers in the year 2000 will continue to deliver Social Security checks or how airlines will handle the Y2K problem now have a new tool," said Bernstein.

Chairman of the council, John Koskinen, said, "No major failures in power, telecommunications and financial areas are anticipated, but contingency plans are in place in case of a failure in these systems."

Contributing information to the FTC and the Federal Information

Center (FIC) are corporations, industry and trade associations. Their efforts are meant to dispel any rumors and provide industry assessments of progress in solving Y2K problems.

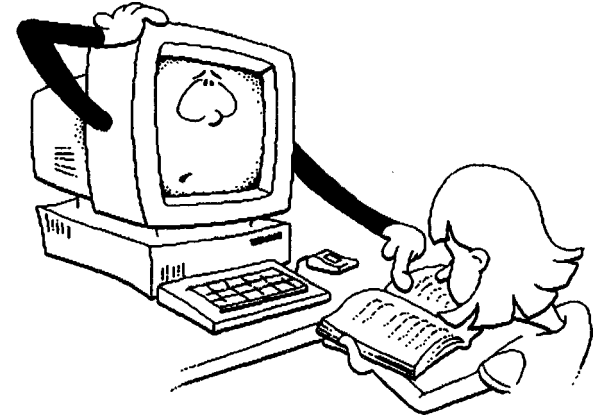
Bernstein explained that the response center is set up to be user friendly and any comments or suggestion to improve the system would be welcomed at their web site www.y2k.gov.

She also stated that the FTC is encouraging all manufacturers to set up their own toll-free Y2K lines and/or web sites to assist consumers with questions on products they currently own.

The FTC and FIC are planning to have a web site on-line within the next few weeks containing a directory of companies, their phone numbers and web site addresses. Contact the FTC on the internet at www.ftc.gov.

"Concerns about household appliances are mostly unfounded," Bernstein said. She explained that our coffee makers, washers and dryers, microwaves and VCR's will continue to operate normally because they operate according to day and time, not date and time.

Bernstein said that some VCR's, camcorders and home computers manufactured prior to 1987 may have some problems and consumers should contact the manufacturer for



details. Any equipment with an embedded microchip that operates on a calendar may have problems come the year 2000.

Council Chairman Koskinen stated that the council's main concern are counties, cities and townships using mission critical computer systems who have not addressed the potential Y2K problem.

"Half of the counties in the United States have no plan. Smaller towns and communities are at highest risk of major municipal failures if they don't address the problem," said Koskinen.

"One thing is clear," remarked Koskinen, "everyone has a lot of work left to do. We are most concerned about organizations that don't have the Y2K problem as a high priority. They are the source of our greatest risk."

Crawford County was recently advised by its auditors to address this problem as soon as possible.

Koskinen said that state governments have been very attentive to addressing and solving any Y2K problems their people may have. He said that unemployment facilities across the country are ready and

should not suffer any problems issuing unemployment checks.

The chairman also stated that by the March 31 upgrade deadline he believes nearly 90% of government agencies will be compliant. The remaining ten percent will still be in the upgrading process.

Bernstein added that if consumers weren't good record-keepers before now, do it now. She advised, "It is of the utmost importance" that consumers keep bank statements, loan payment receipts and other important documents and bills in order, so that in the event of a major Y2K problem they would have record of their personal transactions.

Three publications are offered by the FTC on the subjects of Consumer Electronic Products, Home Office Equipment, and Personal. To obtain a copy of one or all of these publications, call 1-202-FTC-HELP or at the FTC web site (stated above).

At the end of January, the FIC will make available a "fax-on-demand" system to provide callers with printed information on the Y2K problem, "at the touch of a telephone button."

State Rep. Bradstreet office ready to serve

State Representative Ken Bradstreet, R-Grayling, announced on January 7 that his office is ready to help 105th House District constituents with their questions and concerns.

A toll-free number, 1-877-KEN-5-105, is available for northern Michigan residents to contact Bradstreet and his staff.

"This is a free and convenient way for people to obtain assistance or express their thoughts about state issues," said Bradstreet, who was elected to his first House term in November.

The lawmaker also can be reached in Lansing at (517) 373-0829. Correspondence should be sent to P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514. His e-mail address is kbradstreet@house.state.mi.us

Bradstreet and his staffers, Scott Hagerstrom and Brian Mills, are eager to roll up their sleeves and aid residents.



**Rep. Ken Bradstreet
(R-Grayling)**

"We're open and ready for business," Bradstreet said. "Constituent service is a top priority as we enact legislation to help northern Michigan families."

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for open-air concerts, a main information center for historic sites in Crawford County and a Canoe Racing Hall of Fame were included in the numerous suggestions.

Smock said that a revival of the old Grayling Fish Hatchery Club and the sale of replica stock certificates would raise money and give anyone that wanted to a vested interest in the hatchery.

"I can say with confidence that funding this project is not going to be a problem," said Smock. He said that the project idea has received the support of state and federal officials.

Merrill has applied for National Historic Designation of the hatchery and expects to receive a decision in February. "There are only about 20 sites designated in the entire state of Michigan," said Merrill. "If the hatchery receives National Historic Designation it would be a big draw for us."

Smith commented that the hatchery would receive special tax credits if it were to receive such a designation and it would aid the hatchery project in raising necessary operating funds.

Other possible sources of funding, according to Skjaerlund, include grants from the Department of Environmental Quality, the USDA RDCM and the U.S. Forest Service.

Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce said that she has first hand knowledge of the popularity this project would have with tourists.

"We receive on average about two phone calls per week just about the

location of the Fred Bear Museum," said Porritt-McConnell. "This project would definitely be an asset."

Representing the DNR, Susan Theil said that a master recreational trail to the Rayburn property for hiking and cycling would be a dream come true. Work has already started on an interpretive tour of the historical site by the state.

Discussion also included the planned construction at the North Down River Road and I-75 interchange. This project is a few years down the road and would have a direct impact on access to the hatchery. A dual-session public forum is planned for February 3 at the Grayling Middle School concerning the proposed interchange.

"A re-developed and improved Grayling Fish Hatchery would receive a fabulous response," said Skjaerlund. "Make it user-friendly and your Canoe Racing Hall of Fame and other attractions would become well-known nationally and internationally."

"This project would pay dividends in pride as well as financial for your community," concluded Skjaerlund. "What a tremendous economic resource for the Grayling area."

The public is invited to get involved and attend the next hatchery re-development meeting on Friday, January 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Community Center.

Donations to the Grayling Fish Hatchery project can be sent to: Crawford County/Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Fund, 200 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

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Actions prove effective in Camp clean-up

The following Camp Grayling Environmental Clean-up Status or update was provided by the Environmental Manager, John Hunt, to provide information to interested citizens in the Camp Grayling area.

According to Hunt, much work has been done, some is still in progress, and Camp Grayling remains ever vigilant to prevent future environmental mishaps.

Camp Grayling recently achieved "clean closure approval status" from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) at three more sites of environmental contamination.

During the last two years, the Michigan Army National Guard has received official "clean-up" status at 13 sites on the 147,000 acre stated-owned and operated training site.

These sites were listed and cleaned up in accordance with Part 201, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 (formerly Act 307).

Some of the sites contained groundwater and soils impacted by releases of heating oil from leaking aboveground storage tanks. Other sites consisted of soils impacted by small amounts of substances ranging from motor oils to solvents.

Most of the heating oil was spilled during the late 1980's, when over 100 aboveground tanks were in use at various buildings located at Camp Grayling. All aboveground heating oil tanks have been removed and furnaces and water heaters now use less expensive and cleaner-burning natural gas.

Over the past 10 years, Camp Grayling has seen a decrease in the number of spill incidents as well as the amount of fuel lost per spill. This is attributed directly to increased training of troops in proper fuel handling, transport, and refueling procedures as well as spill response and pollution prevention awareness training.

Secondary containment features are now incorporated at all fueling sites, including two new bulk fuel storage tanks. Each 10,000 gallon aboveground tank incorporates a secondary containment system (a tank inside a tank) in the case of an accidental failure and also utilizes



File photo by Caleb Casey

DEFENDING OUR FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT – Tank rides were part of the 1998 Civic Leader Tour at Camp Grayling where the National Guard can also be proud of achieving "Clean Closure Approval Status" from the Michigan DEQ at more than three sites of contamination.

containment features at the load out areas.

One of the new tanks located at the main camp area replaces an aging 40 year-old system that had experienced a major diesel fuel spill in 1986. Soils at this site (known as the Airfield Bulk Fuel Facility) and groundwater contaminated with diesel fuel have since been remediated.

Camp Grayling's two underground storage tank facilities are also in compliance with new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules that took effect December 22, 1998 and contain leak detection, as well as other spill prevention features.

"Our emphasis on pollution prevention, increased environmental awareness training for all that work and train here, and an aggressive approach to finding and cleaning up past as well as current problems has paid dividends," said John W. Hunt, Camp Grayling Environmental Manager.

"Costs for spill response and clean-up have decreased, but more importantly, the environment is

cleaner and safer for all citizens that work, train, live and play here."

This year the Michigan National Guard will incorporate a comprehensive Integrated Spill Contingency Plan (ISCP) at Camp Grayling as well as other facilities located statewide. This will integrate and augment existing spill contingency plans and allow for quicker and safer response in the event of fuel as well as hazardous type substance spills.

Camp Grayling has four sites remaining under remediation or investigation. Groundwater at the south end of the Grayling Army Airfield that is contaminated with the solvents PCE/TCE is being remediated with the help of a newly modified and expanded carbon adsorption treatment system. An aggressive investigation in November 1997 identified a PCE/TCE source in the soils located near the site.

Clean-up options such as excavation/disposal and air stripping will now be used to remove existing soil contamination, thereby eliminating additional groundwater contamina-

tion. Annual monitoring of the site groundwater indicates contaminant levels are continuing to decrease.

A public meeting was held in 1997 to inform nearby residents of the status of the clean-up and the viability of various clean-up options. Drinking water wells adjacent to this site have been tested and contain no contaminants.

Groundwater contaminated with gasoline from a since removed leaking underground storage tank is also being cleaned up. This second site, known as Building #8, is located in the main camp area. A pump and treat bio-remediation system has been in place for nearly three years and contaminant levels are also dropping at this location.

No drinking water wells have been impacted and contaminants left in the groundwater are being contained and removed by the system.

The other two sites being investigated appear not to have significantly impacted the environment and are expected to receive clean closure approval later in 1999.

Towing company worked on moving I-75 wreckage

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

AuSable Auto Repair took part in its share of activity on New Year's Eve following the massive car, truck and trailer pile-up.

The whiteout-induced crash left over 125 wrecked vehicles near the Frederic/Lewiston exit on north-bound I-75.

AuSable Auto Repair's towing service hauled 10 cars, three snowmobile trailers and four snowmobiles to Frederic Elementary School, and later back to its lot.

"We just did what the others did, pretty much," said Michelle Smith,

owner of AuSable Towing.

According to Smith, all but one or two of the vehicles were totaled.

Smith said that AuSable's crew worked about 15 hours straight on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, from about 3 p.m. to 6 a.m., and used three trucks in the towing process.

"I think it went fairly well," said Smith.

Smith did mention, however, that the whole wreckage-clearing process might have been easier if more towing companies had been called earlier. Smith said that between the approximate time of

the accident (noon) and 3 p.m. only one towing company had been contacted.

"I think they should've called

more wreckers earlier," said Smith. "For three hours there was only one company, it would have been better to have more."

Camp appointed to Health Subcommittee

U.S. Representative Dave Camp (R-MI) was appointed to the Subcommittee on Health of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The Subcommittee is responsible for a variety of issues affecting health care, including Medicare.

"I look forward to serving on the Health Subcommittee," said Camp. "I have heard from the people of Mid-Michigan, healthcare

providers and administrators about the need to make the healthcare system more affordable and accessible. That is why I wanted to serve on this Subcommittee and focus on the needs of rural healthcare."

In addition to serving on the Health Subcommittee, Camp retained his position on the Subcommittees on Trade and Human Resources.

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Second chance: Wit and wisdom from 1998

THE MILLENIUM creeps ever closer, which is reason enough to sample some nuggets of wit and wisdom which appeared in *The Almanack* during 1998.

ON POLLS -- "Newspapers, like public officials, must not only reflect public opinion, but must lead public opinion ... Give the public what it wants, that's true -- but frequently the public should have things it doesn't necessarily want. Pizza and television may be pleasant and popular, but we also need broccoli and books, too. We can survive without them, but we won't be as strong or as resourceful or as informed."

On Latrell Spowell and other misbehaving athletes: "What lessons are learned from such public treatment of athletes? 'Do anything you want. Be ashamed of nothing. Let your anger and your impulses and your vices run rampant. Blame everybody or everything else. There are no penalties for the gifted.' Until the public cares enough to demand changes in atti-

tude, then regard for principle, morality, ethics among top sports performers will continue to disintegrate. Sports as a metaphor for life? Let us hope not."

On naming a Navy submarine for Jimmy Carter: "Mr. Carter likely will not rank as one of the country's great presidents, but he is one of the finest ex-presidents in recent memory. He deserves the honor."

ON STUDENT RIOTS -- "Common threads run through these demonstrations. Almost always, student disturbances happen at night. Almost always, alcohol is involved. Only a handful of students are involved; at MSU, while 3,000 students rioted, 37,000 did not. Disturbances usually happen in the spring, and usually at the end of the school year, when student nerves are taut and anxiety over final exam runs higher than usual... Trying to curb youthful drinking may be swimming upstream in today's society. Our culture seems to exalt drinking, and alcohol advertising and pro-

motion aim directly and incessantly at the young."

On the huge field of primary candidates for the Legislature: "Term limits have opened the door to hundreds of hopefuls. That's one of the things they are designed to do."

On Harold Stassen running for office again: "Well, if Sen. John Glenn can be an astronaut in his 70's, then Harold Stassen can run for governor at 91 -- although the 'run' undoubtedly will be at a rather modest pace."

On a "super majority" vote to raise state taxes: "On paper, it sounds good to tax-weary voters -- anything for protection against greedy, tax-hungry state laws. But the bills were adopted by a simple majority in the Senate, and could be turned over by a simple majority in the future, and then tax bills could be adopted by a simple majority again ... which means that the super majority is no protection at all."

ON LENORE ROMNEY: "Lenore Romney was the personification of both grace and class, in her private life and in her extensive public life as well ... Her death at 89, coming three years after that of her husband, George Romney, closes a remarkable chapter in Michigan politics and public life ... together they made a rare but magnificent couple, the likes of which politics and public life are not likely to see again."

On Geoffrey Fieger's primary win: "Trying to explain the Fieger phenomenon is like betting at a dog race. Everyone's an expert, but nobody knows for sure. You pay your money and you take your choice."

On voter turnout: "Is huge turnout by itself good for democracy? Not in my book. Even more important than taking part in the voting process is for voters to inform themselves about issues and candidates, and what's at stake in every election ... it's far better if voters who don't understand what's involved, or don't care what

happens one way or another, just stay away. Probably we get better government that way."

On assisted suicide and the 'slippery slope' theory: "Legalizing medically assisted suicide for the terminally ill is feared by many as a step toward the Hitleresque philosophy of survival only of the fittest. How long before personally chosen self-destruction moves to a societal decision, aimed at the disabled, the elderly, the social misfit?"

On polls and Clintongate: "Public opinion polling should not be permitted to dictate actions in the Clinton Crisis. The question is what is right and what is wrong. What selected members of the public tell pollsters should have no bearing. What is the law? What is the right thing to do? Those are the only questions that matter."

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Think about the consequences of another failed bond issue

To the editor,

The failure of the school bond issue again sends a message loud and clear to our children, telling them just how unimportant the adults regard their future.

This is a different world and a different time than when we were in school. Without state-of-the-art equipment and the know-how to use it, you are sending these young people out into a work world of hamburger flippers.

Today a job with a living wage is in the world of technology. Most of the jobs in between are disappearing into third world countries.

Further, front page headlines of last summer regarding the drug problem in Crawford County tell the results of bored, impressionable children following the examples of adults. Unfortunately, the examples are not good ones.

The smoking and drinking of

many adults in all of Michigan speaks louder than any program you can put in place. Michigan has one of the highest tobacco usages for a non-tobacco producing state in the country.

Every health survey has the same results. Michigan is near the bottom in good health habits.

The children are the future of this community and this country. An apathetic adult population that won't face the facts is hurting itself. It costs money and time to provide stimulating activities and classes to keep children involved in mind-expanding and healthy programs.

Parents checking out new communities take a close look at the schools -- classes, sports and after school activities. Educated parents want the best education possible for their children.

Inadequately equipped schools

deprive a community of educated adults to work in industries that would increase the tax base. Companies will not relocate to towns that do not have an educated workforce or where current employees refuse to relocate because of antiquated schools.

Having grown up in a small town in the 50's, I know that boredom isn't a new problem (there's always been troublemakers and alcohol). However, today's drugs and diseases make yesterday's troubles pale by comparison.

Adults, ask yourselves, "What does a child see when they look at me?" If you don't, then the drug situation will continue to worsen.

"Kids will be kids," could be rewritten "Kids can be dead or diseased kids." If there is a vacuum of interest-grabbing educational opportunities, and after school and summer activities, kids will find

something to do (it may not be what you'd like). If they can't get jobs because of lack of skills, what do you think is going to keep them busy?

We need caring adults from all generations, as well as parents who are willing to spend a little more money and time to provide the kind of education required now. A pencil, paper and a textbook won't cut it anymore.

Most drug programs haven't worked. Examples and education are the best solutions. Examples are free, so spending something on the education is half of the equation.

You will get another chance to vote for a school bond issue. This time, think about the consequences.

Jim and Deborah Golden
Grayling

Holiday lights look festive

To the editor,

I just wanted to compliment the citizens of Crawford County for displaying such beautiful holiday lights this year. It makes the area look very festive.

I hope we can continue this tradition year after year.

Carolyn Ward-DiPonio, DPM
Grayling

Locals receive praise for I-75 pile-up response

To the editor,

To the residents, county employees and merchants of Crawford County:

On New Year's Eve at 11:54 a.m. we, too, were caught by complete surprise when a white out instantly blinded us (myself, sister Genie and brother Carter) on northbound I-75, just one mile south of Frederic.

While we sustained minimal damage from the initial impact, we knew to exit the vehicle and run for tree cover... just prior to almost 100 cars slamming into the rear of our car for an agonizing 20 minutes.

We suddenly found ourselves stranded 430 miles from home (Cincinnati, Ohio) and 120 miles from our destination (Cedarville).

Hundreds of motorists were standing in zero degree weather with a bewildered and helpless look, numerous had substantial injuries and no one had any idea what would happen next.

Shortly, the Crawford County Sheriff's office, fire department, ambulance, State Patrol and neighboring emergency personnel arrived on the scene. Within 30 minutes, a plan of action was implemented.

As the road was being cleared, busses arrived to prevent hypothermia, the injured were transported after a well-coordinated

ed triage.

The Frederic school was opened and numerous residents, businesses and emergency personnel responded with hot food, drinks, and above all, compassion.

A phone was made available (many calls were long distance) free of charge.

Crawford County Deputy Coors spent hours on the phone coordinating rental cars and motels for the many stranded motorists, ourselves included. And Jan of Grayling Ford, along with other employees of the dealership, stopped their New Year's Eve employee party and re-opened the dealership to lease cars on an emergency basis.

In summary, I can attest as a municipal manager that the emergency services of Crawford County, as well as the services of neighboring emergency personnel under mutual aid, are exemplary and most effective.

To the residents and services of Crawford County and surrounding area: well done!

If we had to participate in upper Michigan's worst accident to record, I'm glad it was in Crawford County!

Walter W. Cordes
Administrator
Village of Glendale
Cincinnati, Ohio

County employee bids farewell

To the editor,

I would like to address the contractors and homeowners of Crawford County:

I want to express to you the pleasure I had working with you while employed at the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department.

My job was terminated. After 16 years with the County, licensed by the State of Michigan for Plan Review, and licensed as an agent by

the DNR/DEQ for soil and sedimentation control, the Board of Commissioners, Treasurer and Controller felt that I could be replaced with a beginning secretary.

It was great working with the Members of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Crawford County is blessed to have such dedicated members on these Boards.

All of you showed great patience

and courtesy toward me while I wrote your building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing applications. I enjoyed the work and working with you.

Oh, one more thing, you might have to remind Joe and Bruce to fill the candy dish for you.

God Bless and have a prosperous and busy 1999.

Irene Gildner
Grayling

Crawford County makes toy program a success

To the editor,

I was a volunteer for the Toys for Tots project in Crawford County this year.

Toys for Tots was a huge success because of the wonderful people and businesses in the area.

And, how truly wonderful the people of Crawford County were in their response. Several hundred toys were donated.

Because of you, we were able to give more than one toy to every child that we were made aware of as

a child in need.

A simple toy can mean hope to a child in need. Every child deserves a little Christmas. And, because of you, we were able to provide hope and a little Christmas to the children in need in Crawford County.

I am glad that I was able to be a part of the effort. How blessed I am to be living in such a giving, caring community.

Marianne Gosnell
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BRIEFS

Rotary announces calendar winners

Rotary Club Calendar winners for December were: Terry Bloomquist, Shawn Denton, and Robert Morley. Each won \$50.

Burning Bush offers theological school

Burning Bush Tabernacle will offer Christian Life School of Theology Bible School to the Grayling area. Both undergraduate and graduate degree programs are available. For more information, please contact the church at 348-1278.

4-H swim classes still have openings

The 4-H swim program still has openings in Levels 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The programs run once a week for six weeks and are held at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. The cost is \$18, with income-related scholarships available. For more information, please call the 4-H office at (517) 344-3264.

Bradstreet to meet with constituents

Newly sworn State Representative Ken Bradstreet, R-Grayling, has scheduled office hours with Crawford County residents on Friday, January 22. The 105th District lawmaker is available from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Grayling at the Circuit Court Room at the Crawford County Courthouse, located at 200 W. Michigan Ave. "No appointment is necessary, and everyone should feel free to stop by," Bradstreet said. "I am eager to listen to the concerns of local residents." For additional information, call Bradstreet at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

Public invited to Junior Miss preview

The Junior Miss Committee will host a talent preview at Chief Shoppenagon's Inn on Thursday evening, January 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those interested in a variety of talents are welcome to attend to offer support and observe this year's contestants.

Follies chorus practice/meeting planned

A meeting and chorus practice for the Milltown Follies will be held in the Senior Center dining room on Thursday, January 14 beginning at 1 p.m. All members and potential members are urged to attend.

Bear's archery leagues seek members

Men's and women's archery leagues are forming at the Bear's Bowmen Archery Club. The Compound League began January 12 at 7 p.m. and the Traditional League begins January 14 at 7 p.m. Cost to join is \$5 and \$5 per week for members, \$7 per week for non-members. Leagues run for 12 weeks. For more information or if you have any questions, please call 348-1420 and ask for Brian Johnson.

Secretary of State office closed Jan. 18

The Secretary of State office located in the Grayling Mini Mall will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Those whose drivers licenses or plates expire over the holiday weekend should renew early at the office, by mail, by fax or, if eligible, by touch-tone telephone, or via the internet at www.sos.state.mi.us/

Bears Bowmen to teach 4-H archery classes

Youth ages eight years and above can learn about the sport of archery by certified instructors from the Bears Bowman Archery Club under the direction of Bill Weaver.

Archery classes will start on Monday, January 18 or Wednesday, January 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with advanced classes at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To begin, youth must be eight years of age or above by the date of the first class. For advanced class, youth must have received a 4-H Certificate of Completion of beginners' class.

The classes will run weekly for eight weeks. The cost for the eight-week session is \$14 per child.

Equipment will be provided.

Classes will be held indoors at the Bears Bowman Archery Club located at Hanson Hills.

Register now at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Class size is limited, so early enrollment is encouraged.

For more information call the 4-H office at 344-3264 or 344-3266. Income-related scholarships are available.

Parents must attend the first night of class to obtain a copy of the rules and regulations. *SNOW ALERT: In the event school is cancelled, archery class will not be held.

Still time to register for 1999 Hockey Season

There is still time to register for the 1999 Hockey Season.

All youth in and around Roscommon County, ages five through 17, are invited to participate in a hockey program sponsored by the Roscommon Area Hockey Association and the MSU Extension 4-H Office.

Youth who would like to play, and their families, are encouraged to contact the MSU Extension 4-H Office at (517) 275-5043, where registration forms are available. Or, register Saturday morning, January 16, at the rink.

The hockey program will be hosted at the rink in Roscommon and skating will begin Saturday, January 16. Equipment will be distributed to players and those interested in swapping/selling equipment should attend that day.

All players, coaches and referees

are also asked to attend that day to finalize the game schedules and to assess youth skating abilities.

January 16 skate day schedule is as follows: Mites (five through nine years old) 10 a.m.; Pee Wees (10 through 13 years old) 12 noon; and Midgets (14 through 17 years old) 2 p.m.

The game schedule will be on Saturdays, with the same time slots. Games are also tentatively planned for weeknights at 6 p.m.: Mites on Tuesdays, Pee Wees on Wednesdays and Midgets on Thursdays.

There is a fee of \$50 per participant for the season and interested children, youth and parents are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the MSU Extension Office at (517) 275-5043.

Reform saves on student loans - Past, present and future

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) urges all constituents of the opportunities that exist to consolidate and refinance student loans at a new, lower interest rate of 7.46%.

The new rate was a direct result of the Higher Education Reform that was supported by Camp and signed this fall.

The lower interest rate will save most borrowers at least \$50 for every \$1,000 of debt over the life of their loans. A typical student borrowing at a four-year college, who graduates with \$13,000 of debt, will save about \$7,000 over a 10-year repayment period.

This opportunity is offered through the Department of Education's Direct Loan Program. It may also be available from private lenders who participate in the government-guaranteed student loan program.

Borrowers are encouraged to

contact the Direct Loan Program of the Department of Education at 1-800-557-7392 before the January 31 deadline for refinancing.

"I encourage everyone who has borrowed money under the United States Department of Education to contact the Direct Loan Program office in order to take advantage of the new interest rate," said Camp. "It is a very simple process that will result in a direct savings."

"I strongly believe that an investment in education is an investment in America's future. This higher education reform has brought us one step closer to ensuring that every American will be able to afford a quality education by improving programs such as the student loan program that help families and students pay for college."

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Clarification

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) would like to clarify a statement made in its Year End Article, which appeared on Page 1B of the Thursday, December 31 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

COA would like to assure senior citizens that, "The senior center is here for all senior citizens in Crawford County, not just for the seniors living in the Grayling Housing Complex or on a fixed income."



Sunday - 1:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm
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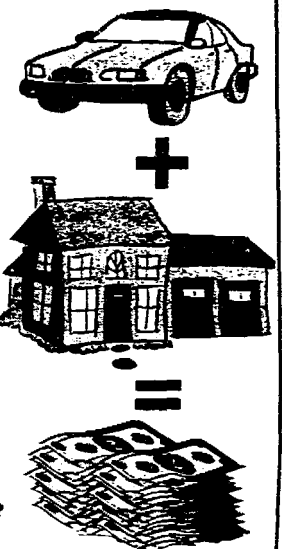
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THURS 14	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 - 5 pm. For more information call Mary Beth Detting, 1-800-424-1457 •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING @ Hanson Hills 7 pm.
FRI 15	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 16	•TIP-UP-TOWN begins this weekend. Days are Jan. 16th & 17th and Jan. 23rd & 24th
SUN 17	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 18	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 19	•GPA MEETING @ Gray Rock Cafe, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ADD/ADHD parents support group meeting. Held at Grayling Middle School, from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Childcare provided. Transportation available. For more info. call 348-7641 ext. 527/528. It will be a sharing & discussion meeting.
WED 20	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary. 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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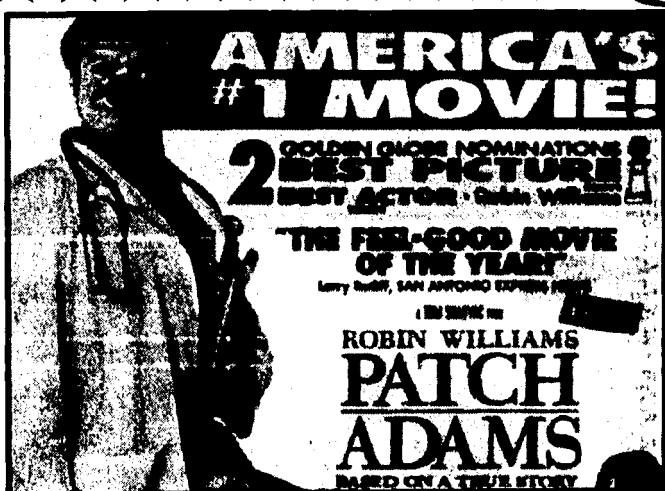
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The Bible Speaks

Suicide

Suicide is promoted by Secular Humanists. "It also includes a recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide." -Humanist Manifesto II. Humanists glorify suicide as an act of human dignity. People faced with financial stress, family problems, and other circumstances often choose suicide as their "honorable" way out. Their pride will not allow them to reach out for help, or sympathy from others. They feel like victims with all circumstances beyond their control. Suicide is their last desperate act of the will to prove they can still be in control of their problems. In the end they love self more than others, and neither think or care what will happen to their family and/or friends. Suicide hurts others who love them most.

Suicide is the ultimate act of rebellion against society and a sovereign God. Judas was a classic example of suicide. "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." (Acts 1:18) Judas had betrayed

his best friend with a kiss. (Matthew 26: 4&50). Judas could have asked for and received forgiveness, but he chose suicide. Judas committed his final sin of rebellion against Jesus Christ who loved him as a true friend.

Some people think suicide is an escape from reality. But it doesn't remove one from responsibility to God. "Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; thought they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bit them: And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good." (Amos 9:24).

Suicide is another lie and deception of Satan of destroy life. It brings eternal suffering instead of peace. During the Great Tribulation

upon earth, men shall attempt suicide and fail. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. (Rev. 9:6). The Philippian jailer was contemplating suicide when Paul stopped him. (Acts 16:27, 28). He responded, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31). Faith in Jesus Christ is eternally better than suicide. Let Him wash you from your sins in His own blood. (Rev. 1:5). Cast all your cares upon Him. He loves and cares for you. (1 Pe 5:7).

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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McCurdy and Bowers exchange vows

Darcie Marie McCurdy and Jeremy John Bowers were united in marriage on August 15, 1998. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord, with Father John McCracken officiating.

Darcie is the daughter of Robert and Susan McCurdy and the granddaughter of Don and Doris McCurdy of Tennessee and the late Jim and Joyce Bourrie of Grayling.

Jeremy is the son of David and Tina Bowers and Kim and Denise Parkinson. He is the grandson of Doris and the late John Harland of Grayling, and Dorothy and the late Mesach Bowers of Petoskey.

Darcie wore a gown by Antonio, made of Deluna satin, with a jeweled neckline, and a sleeveless bodice adorned with seed pearls and sparkle bugle beads. The dress was designed with an empire inverted "V" waistline and a scalloped "V" back extending to a cathedral train, topped with a bow.

Darcie's Maid of Honor was her good friend Suzy Coatney, and bridesmaids

were Cheryl McCurdy, sister of the bride; Heather Millikin, cousin of the bride; Jaime Andrus, Amanda Huhn, Tammy Graham and Heather Hartman, friends of the bride.

Jeremy's Best Man was friend Jason Brigham, and groomsmen were his brothers Scott Bowers and Travis Parkinson; brother of the bride, Brian McCurdy; and friends of the groom Truman Potter, Scott Haas, and Chris Collen.

The Flower Girl was friend of the bride, Samantha Schreiber and the Ring Bearer was cousin of the groom, Matthew Harland.

The Ushers were brother of the groom David Bowers and cousin of the bride Joseph Bourrie. Assistants were cousins of the bride Jamie Bourrie and Heather Edwards.

The host and hostess of the wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Bowers

were Wayne and Nancy Wells, and the reception was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn, where everyone danced and had a wonderful time.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Aruba and now reside in Rapid City, South Dakota, where Jeremy is stationed in the U.S. Air Force and Darcie is working for Youth and Family Services in the Early Head Start program as a Family Development Specialist.

Church Directory

Finding Yourself...

Do you ever feel like just giving up and running away...driving faster and faster, mile after mile, with no destination? Do you think that if you flee far enough and fast enough from everyone and everything, you will feel better? Unfortunately, this is fruitless, because you can never run away from yourself, no matter how far or how fast you run.

In this "life in the fast lane," there is so much turmoil. We read each day of domestic disputes, crime, and corruption. It is enough to make you want to run and hide, but you do not have to do that. Instead, try to find yourself again. God is waiting to help you discover a new self. You will find Him to be an ever-present source of comfort, protection, and ever-present love. Visit your church or synagogue this week. God will help you find yourself again. You will like what you discover.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 4:12-25	Matthew 10:26-42	Matthew 12:15-32	Ephesians 3:1-13	Ephesians 3:14-21	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:17-32

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LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS

Local restaurant under new ownership

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Jill Andersen and her husband Brian became the new owners of the Gray-Rock Cafe on December 16, 1998.

The Andersen's, primarily Jill, take over feeding hungry patrons in the former Breaker's Steakhouse at 2123 Industrial Drive, just east of the I-75 overpass on M-72, east of Grayling.

Some improvements have taken place inside the restaurant and some are still in progress. A half-wall has been erected to separate the dining room from the bar area and some fresh paint has been applied here and there. A char-broiler will be installed soon, as well as new refrigeration.

"No more grilled food. To me, that's just frying. The char-broiler will create a better-tasting and healthier steak or burger."

The dinner menu at the restaurant will remain pretty much the same with the exception of a new full salad bar soon to be added, and a bigger selection of seafood. Desserts will be added in the future.

Sunday will be deep-fried turkey day at Gray-Rock. The dinner will include real mashed potatoes, stuffing, a vegetable and salad bar.

Gray-Rock will be serving breakfast from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. just as soon as the new refrigeration is installed. Jill is hoping within the next couple of weeks. She may even open at 6 a.m.

New to the menu will be a lunchtime buffet, available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with something new to offer everyday, Monday through

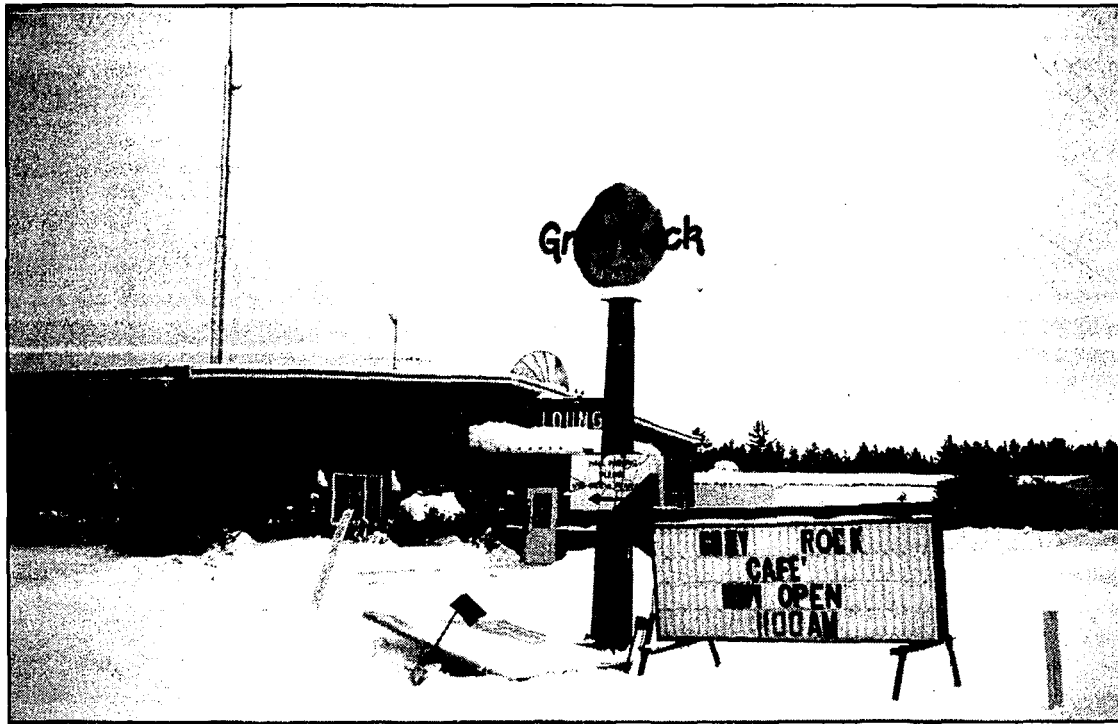


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP – The Gray-Rock Cafe opened in December at the old location of Breaker's Steakhouse on Industrial Drive. New owners Jill and Brian Andersen will be offering deep-fried turkey dinners on Sundays complete with real mashed potatoes.

Thursday. On Friday a special will be offered. "I'd really like to serve the Industrial Drive crowd. Most of them only have a half an hour for lunch and the buffet should fit their needs," Jill said.

Jill has 24 years of experience in the restaurant business and is the former dining room manager of Shoppenagon's Inn. She has lived in Grayling for 20 years and grew up

in Roscommon.

Gray-Rock Cafe cooks are Bob Birch and Carlene Englund, both receiving high praises from Jill.

The Andersen's hope to bring in entertainment, "But, no hard rock," said Jill. "We have a big dance floor here and people need to make use of it. But, we don't want loud music to interfere with conversation."

"I really want to make this a nice,

fun place to go," said Jill. "More family-oriented and casual."

Dining room hours are Sunday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take-outs are available, too.

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Frederic readers, River House Shelter benefit from junior sewing project

In November and December at Frederic Elementary School, students read books and were tested on what they read to earn hats and headbands.

These "warm prizes" were part of the Accelerated Reader program at the school. In the program, students in third, fourth and fifth grade select books to read at their own level, then take a computerized test on each book.

Points are awarded, based on reading level and test scores, and students may "spend" their points at the end of each month.

So far this school year, the most books read by a student is 104 by fourth grade student, Alex Rank. The most points earned so far is 54.8 points by Patti Patterson, also in the fourth grade.

Research has shown that reading levels can jump as much as two grade levels in a year by having students practice reading for 40 to 60 minutes each day with the Accelerated Reader program. This has proven true at Frederic Elementary School, where the program is in its third year of application.

Families are reminded that the

best way to help children become good readers is to read at home. Read to children, read with chil-

dren, and read yourself. After all, children learn best from what they see you do.

For more information on the Accelerated Reader program, contact Frederic Elementary School



Photo courtesy of Melvin Nunn

HANDSEWN HATS – These students in Mrs. Vergeldt's class at Frederic Elementary School show off the hats and headbands they sewed. Each kindergartner and first grader made a hat for him or herself and donated one to the River House Shelter. The headwear was made with the help of adult volunteers Michelle Stanley, Stacy Gay, Joyce Martin and Johnna Heggie. Fabric for the project was donated by Spectrix Pantera, Inc. of New Jersey.

14 GHS students make District II Honors Band

Fourteen Grayling High School band students were accepted into the 1998 District Honors Band.

Honors Band members are selected through an auditioning process, which involves performing a selected piece from the Honors Band Committee.

Twenty-two GHS students tried out for this year's Honors Band, and the following 14 made the cut: Jessica Becks, Amy Doherty, Sara Eagen, Mandi Ellis, Brooke Ginther, Colin Hunter, Ryan Mirate, Tim Ormsbee, Brandy Plutko, Krys Rugenstein, Erin Scott, Gwen Seifert, Matt Thomas and Heidi Wallace.

The 14 GHS students joined the

rest of the Honors Band members in Charlevoix for a concert in December.

HONORS BAND -- (front row, left to right) Gwen Seifert, Heidi Wallace, Jessica Becks, Brandy Plutko. (middle row, left to right) Brooke Ginther, Ryan Mirate, Krys Rugenstein, Sara Eagen. (back row, left to right) Honors Band Director Charles Mengeni, Colin Hunter, Erin Scott, Matt Thomas, Mandi Ellis, Tim Ormsbee.



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Keeping your mailbox and sidewalk clear of snow and ice so that your letter carrier or other delivery person can safely approach your mailbox or door ensures that you receive the best service in the worst weather.

The Postal Service, which delivers to millions of addresses six days a week, has its hands full when winter storms hit. The challenge to provide uninterrupted

delivery regardless of the conditions can be accomplished with a little help from postal customers.

Here's what the U.S. Postal Service says you can do to help:

- If you receive delivery of mail to a rural mailbox, you can keep the approach and exit from the box clear of snow. Specifically, clear around the box to allow your carrier to drive up to the box, deposit mail and drive away. The Postal Service realizes this is no small task, but it is very important to ensure safe and timely delivery for everyone on the route.

- If your mail is delivered to your

residence, the same holds true. Keep the path to your mailbox or slot clear. Delivery personnel, meter readers, friends and family will benefit from a safe and convenient path to your door.

Safety is a high concern with the Postal Service. Employees are not required to put themselves or their equipment at risk unnecessarily.

When walkways or mailbox approaches are not cleared and appear unsafe, delivery can be suspended until the situation is corrected. Keep in mind you may be liable for injuries that occur on your property, especially if you

have failed to provide safe access.

Jackie Cass, Customer Service Supervisor at the Grayling Post Office said the men and women of the United States Postal Service want to deliver your mail on time every day. With a little help from the people they serve, this can happen even in the worst winters.

Citizens Bank offers on-line banking

Citizens Bank's web site address - www.cbclientsfirst.com - is now available for the public to visit.

The web site includes a variety of information about Citizens Bank including details about bank products and services, a company profile, financial information about the company, and current press releases.

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Spartan Stores to purchase more than 20 Glen's Markets

In keeping with its plans for growth and expansion in the supermarket industry, Spartan Stores, Inc. announced on January 7 it will purchase the Glen's Markets supermarket chain.

The transaction should be completed in 60 to 90 days and no purchase price was announced.

"Spartan is a perfect partner as we look to transition our stores for the future," said Glen's Markets Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Glen A. Catt. "They're growth-oriented and well run. They know the Michigan market and they know many of our associates. I believe

Spartan's purchase of Glen's will be a plus for our associates and our customers."

Spartan Stores, Inc. has been the primary grocery supplier for Glen's Markets since 1953, and Catt family members have been actively involved in the growth and leadership of Spartan.

"Glen's Markets are an excellent addition to the retail segment of our operation," said James B. Meyer, Spartan President and Chief Executive Officer. "Glen's Markets have been a loyal customer for many years, their quality supermarkets have a substantial presence in the northern Michigan market. We are proud to have them as part of

our company and look forward to providing Glen's customers with the same service they have grown to expect from Glen's Markets."

Once the Glen's acquisition is completed, Spartan will operate 44 supermarkets throughout Michigan. Preceding Glen's, Spartan purchased eight Ashcraft's Markets, and is concluding the acquisition of 13 Family Fare Supermarkets.

You can contact Spartan Stores, Inc. at (616) 878-2000 or (313) 455-1400. Visit their web site at: www.spartanstores.com or write Spartan Stores, Inc. at: 9075 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170-4695.

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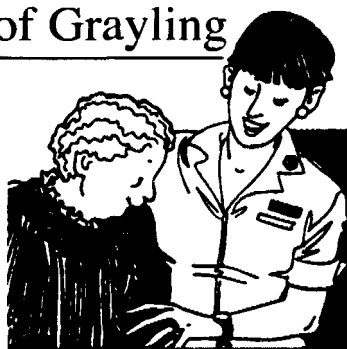
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HEALTH DEPT. NEWS

As a result of reductions in funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health for immunization services, the District Health Department #10 Board of Health approved a charge for immunizations at their November, 1998 meeting.

Effective February 1, 1999, a charge of \$7 per child visit will be instituted.

The fee includes all immunizations provided the day of service.

The Health Department will bill Medicaid for immunizations provided to children covered by Medicaid.

All children are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations to enter preschool programs and kindergarten.

The Michigan Vaccine for Children Program provides low-cost immunization through participating health care providers and at

the Health Department. For information and/or to make an appointment, please call your family physician or the Health Department at 348-7800.

Are you ready to kick the tobacco habit?

The Grayling Health Office at 202 Meadows Drive is offering a program to help individuals desiring to quit using tobacco products.

STEPS (Smoking & Tobacco Education Program) is a five-week "Quit Tobacco" program that includes professional support during the first year.

Cost of the program is \$25 per person or two for the price of one.

Classes will meet on Saturday afternoons, beginning January 9 and ending February 6, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Health Office.

You can still register for the program up until January 15 by calling 348-7800.

OBITUARIES

Ivan F. Nethers

Ivan F. Nethers, 78, formerly of Grayling passed away on January 11, 1999, at his home in Nashport, Ohio.

Ivan was born on January 7, 1921 in Toboso, Ohio.

He was a member of the Nashport United Methodist Church and was a graduate of Toboso High School. During World War II he served with distinction in the U.S. Army Military Police.

He retired in 1983 as a production foreman with Unocal Oil Company of Shephard. He also pumped oil wells in the local area for many years.

Mr. Nethers was very active as a Little League baseball coach and basketball coach. He served as P.T.O. president and was supportive of better education for youth. He also had a love for the outdoors and was active in many outdoor activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer F. and Vernie (Gault) Nethers; three brothers: Robert, Milton, and Paul Nethers; and two sisters: Lois and Cora Nethers.

Survivors include: his wife, Kathleen J. (Dorsey) Nethers, whom he married May 8, 1946; one son, David (Valerie) Nethers of Midland; two daughters: Deborah (Oliver) Hayes of Okemos, and Patricia (Donald) Greka of Rockford; seven grandchildren: Joshua, Noah, Vanessa, Emily, Zachary, Evan, and Andrew; three brothers: H. Ray (Barbara) Nethers of Mesa, Arizona, Leland Nethers of Toboso, and John "Bud" (Marilyn) Nethers of Ashland, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 1999 at Vensil-Orr, 110 Third Street, Frazesburg, Ohio. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 1999 at the funeral home with Evangelist Hap Williamson and Dr. J. Brien McGarvey officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frazesburg Youth League Baseball, care of Clinton Moss, 8665 Raiders Road, Frazesburg, Ohio 43822.

Isabelle Strachan

Isabelle Strachan, age 69, of Frederic, passed away en route to Ann Arbor on January 5.

She was born on June 16, 1929 and was married to Alexander Strachan for 52 years.

She is survived by her husband, four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation took place in Ann Arbor.

Hersey L. Saunders

Hersey L. Saunders, 91, of Luzerne and Hudson, Fla. passed away on January 10, 1999 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

He was born in Silverwood on April 21, 1907 to Florence Barnett Harris. His adoptive parents were James and Ella Ford Saunders.

He married Gildreth Kohn on December 27, 1927 at her parents' home in Flint.

He was a member of the Mills Memorial Baptist Church for 50 years and served as a trustee. He also attended the Methodist Church in Hudson, Fla.

He was raised on a farm on Thayer Road and was a farmer. He also worked at Yellow Truck and Coach in Pontiac for 30 years, retiring in 1969.

After living in Mayville for 64 years, he moved to northern Michigan and spent his winters in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Gildreth; two daughters: Joyce (Vern) Fox of Grayling and Janet (Harley) Pattullo of Lewiston. He also leaves eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth (Don) Krause of Pontiac.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents and mother, and one grandchild, Randy Fox.

Services were held at Mills Memorial Baptist Church in Mayville with Rev. Jack Manning officiating and burial at Rich Cemetery in Mayville.

Visitation will be from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mills Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday, January 14, with funeral services following at 2 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our gratitude to all who were there to help us during the loss of our beloved "Eddie". Thank you for the flowers, cards, money and condolences, the pallbearers, and the ladies of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church for the lovely luncheon.

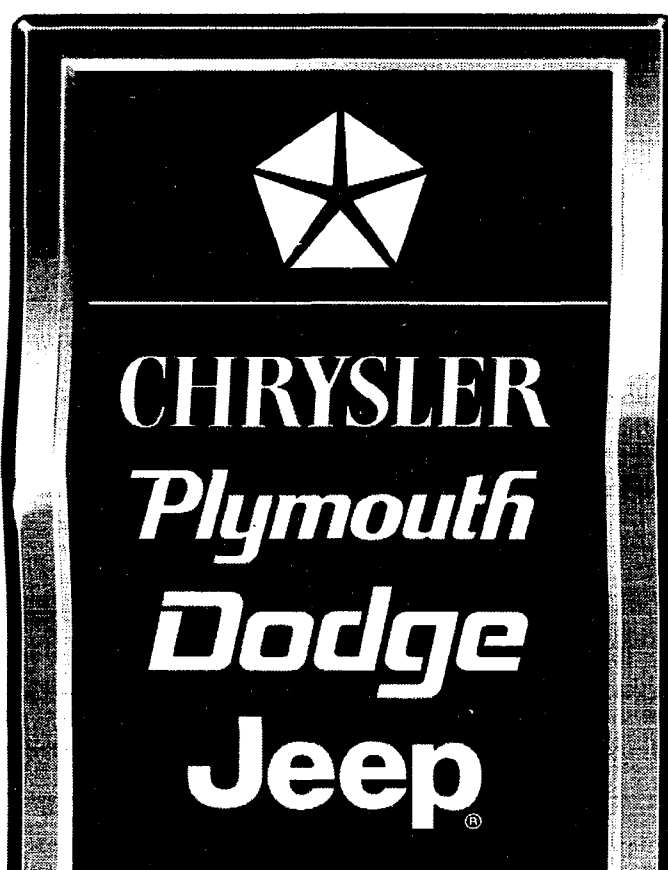
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JAZZIN' UP THE JOINT - Members of the Grayling High School Jazz Band entertained students at the Frederic Elementary School in December.

MILITARY NEWS

Richard R. Hull was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer - 4 on December 15, 1998.

Hull is the son of Roy and Alma Hull of Grayling.

Hull began his career in March, 1977 when he reported to MCRD San Diego for Boot Camp. Upon graduation he was promoted to PFC and went on to Infantry School at Camp Pendleton, CA.

CWO4 Hull has served in the Marine Corps for over 20 years and has had tours in Okinawa, Japan as a Squad Leader for the Rockets Section; in Yorktown, VA as the COG/SOG and acting platoon Sergeant; to Memphis, TN for training and onto El Toro, CA as an Aviation Ordnanceman on F-4 aircraft; in Dallas, TX as the ANCOIC, NCOIC and Ordnance Division Chief with F-4 and CH-53 aircraft; in Lemoore, CA as Ordnance Branch Chief with the VFA-125, Ordnance Branch and Assistant Avionics/Armament Division Officer; and at Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan as the Assistant Ordnance Division Officer for the 1st

Marine Aircraft Wing.

CWO4 Hull is currently serving as the Ordnance Officer for Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Oahu. Hull reported to MCBH in August, 1998.



CWO4 Richard R. Hull

Hull resides with his wife, Linda, and their two sons, Christopher, age 18 and Michael, age 9, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of January 4 through 11:

Two assault; three burglary; two larceny; one property damage; one drunkenness; three public peace; two OUIL/OUID; 11 health and safety; one invasion of privacy; one conservation; one miscellaneous criminal; 12 accidents; four non-traffic accidents; six snowmobile; five false alarms; two accident - other; two civil/family trouble; three suspicious situations; one missing person; 17 general non-criminal.

A total of 81 complaints were handled by the sheriff's office during the seven-day period.

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The trio performs Swing, Rhythm and Blues, Oldies, and Country music with a touch of comedy added.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.

The Gornick Auditorium Box Office will be open on Thursday, January 14; Monday, January 18; and Thursday, January 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the night of the performance from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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by Jan Farley

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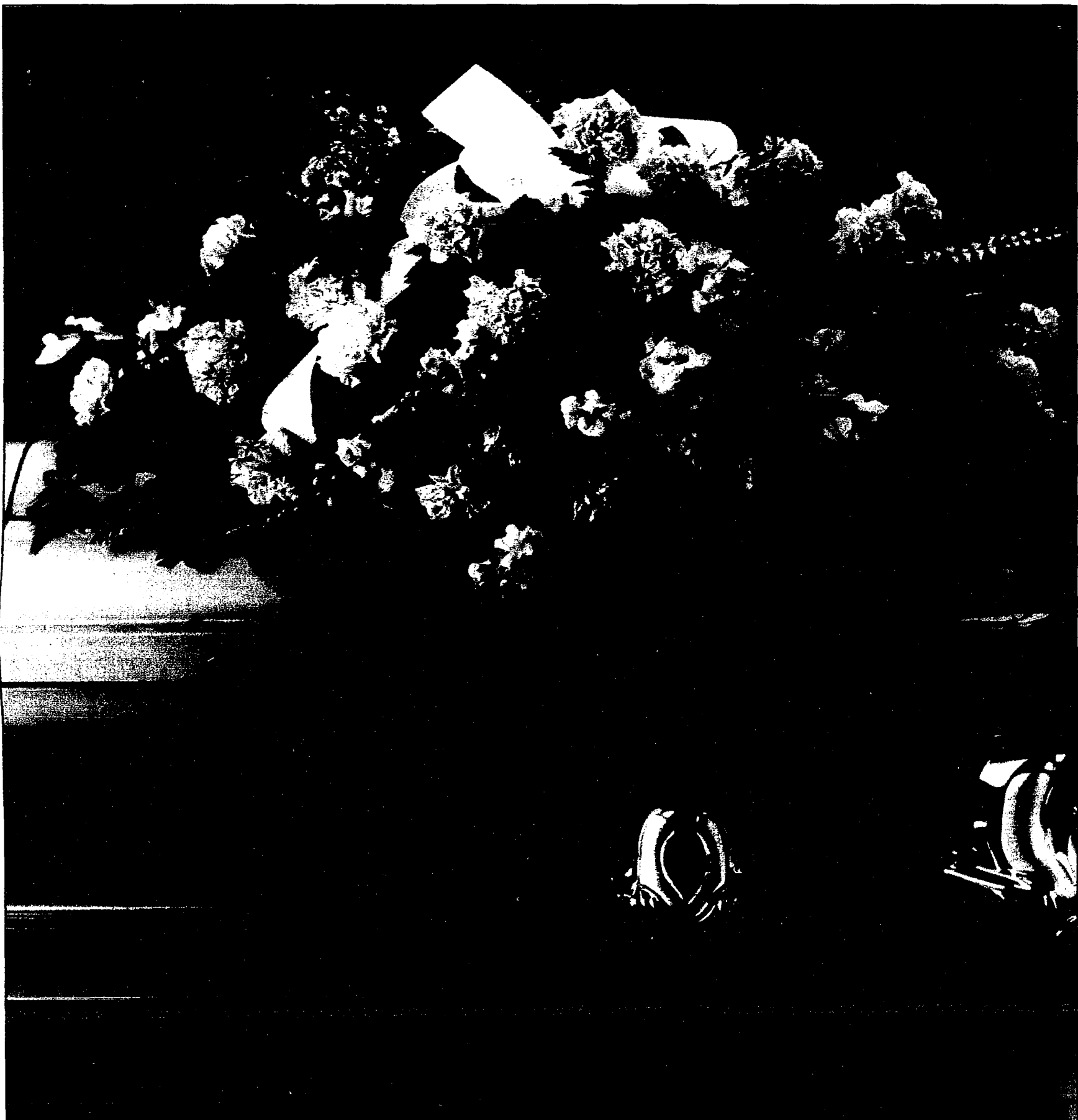
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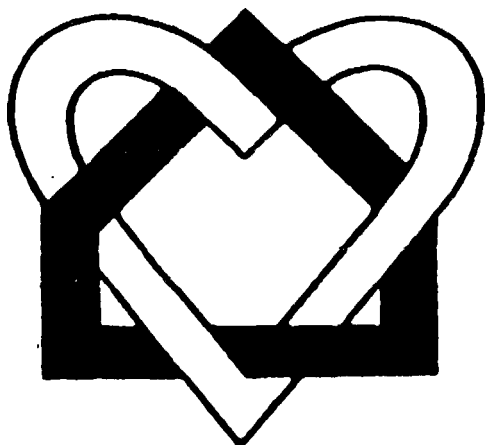


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Year in Review

Section 15 Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, January 14, 1999

From the pages of The Crawford County Avalanche

1998 Year in Review for Crawford County

May

- In the May 7 edition, it was reported that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners finally adopted the 1997-98 budget. Sheriff's patrols receive big cuts, much to the dismay of the department and citizens attending the April 28 meeting.
- The commissioners' race heated up with 20 names on the ballot as of the May 12 filing deadline.
- County Treasurer Joe Wakeley was named temporary Chief Administrative Officer by county commissioners.
- Jack Millikin, Larry McNamara and Irv McIsaac had the honor of throwing out the first pitches to

- open the Grayling Little League season on May 18.
- Kelly Kiefer was named valedictorian and Ravi Ramaswamy was named salutatorian of the Grayling High School Class of 1998.
- Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County, James Briney, responded through his attorney, to what she said were vague allegations of impropriety and warns "there will be a lawsuit" if he is fired.
- On May 21, Gov. Engler signed a "No Burn Order" because of high fire danger due to the extremely dry spring in the U.P. and northern

lower Michigan.

- Legislation was passed to refund Michigan car insurance policy holders \$180 for each insured vehicle due to a \$2.5 billion surplus in the Michigan Catastrophic Claims fund.
- On May 24, a hand-carved cedar statue of a Viking was stolen from the Gooder residence.
- The Road Commission Board fires Managing Director James Briney by a vote of 2-1. William Gannon is the dissenting vote.
- On May 31, Maple Forest Township residents had to clean up trees and debris after a pre-dawn tornado ripped through the Sherman Road area.

- Dr. Joseph H. Kutkuhn was given the *Spirit of the Woods Award* by the Upper Manistee River Association on September 5 recognizing him for his years of dedicated service regarding the Manistee River.
- Dubbed "Voice of the Vikings," Kent Reynolds and his wife, Mary, were honored for their 25 years of service announcing Viking football, during a halftime of a game against Houghton Lake.
- Janice Annis was appointed and sworn in as Grayling Township Trustee on September 9, replacing John Medler who resigned upon moving to a new residence in Beaver Creek Township.
- Someone stole rare World War I Polar Bear patches from the

- Crawford County Historical Museum. The arm patches were cut from the sleeves of uniforms, ruining those artifacts. The case remains unsolved.
- The Grayling Township Board officially designated the Grayling area as the Trout Fishing Capital of the Eastern U.S. on September 9.
- The AuSable River Valley, Grayling in particular, was featured in the October issue of *Midwest Living* magazine, highlighting canoeing and cycling in the area.
- Howard D. (Whitey) Madsen resigned as Associate Publisher of *The Avalanche*, a position he held since 1993. Madsen began his dedicated career with *The Avalanche* 53 years ago. During his tenure he held the positions of editor, publisher and

- part owner.
- Special recognition was given to Crawford County Commissioner Kathy Black by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) for her dedication and service to the region.
- Several county officials issued a memorandum to the Crawford County Board recommending a delay in hiring a county controller. The Board continued with the process with Commissioner Robert Smock stating, "It's full speed ahead."
- A color tour scheduled for October 10 and 11 included a train ride and the Grayling Antique Weekend, was cancelled due to poor rail conditions, prohibiting passenger rail service.

June

- On June 3, Governor Engler lifted the burning ban in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Rainfall and cooler temperatures reduced the fire danger.
- An escapee from Camp Lehman was apprehended on June 8 as a result of telephone calls placed from the prison to where he was hiding in Wixom.
- Voters said "no" to the high school improvement proposal on June 8. Jack Pilon, Carol Ramaswamy and Gary Pettyjohn were elected to the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education.
- The Michigan Air and Army National Guard hosted Community Day on June 6,

- demonstrating air-to-ground attacks and daredevil air maneuvers.
- Newly constructed Townline Bridge in Lovells Township opened to traffic on June 11.
- Several law enforcement agencies were looking for a man who broke into a home in Gerrish Township, stole prescription drugs and assaulted two women with a handgun on June 11.
- Grayling Township amended a zoning ordinance to regulate any future construction of communications towers in the township.
- A cow in Alpena was confirmed to be carrying Bovine tuberculosis, a threat to the northern whitetail deer herd.
- On June 17, the 1998 Civic

- Leader Tour at Camp Grayling allowed community leaders to experience the National Guard life.
- The AuSable longboat memorial stone was relocated to Ray's Canoe Livery during the Fourth Annual Trout Bum Barbeque.
- Federal funding was approved for construction of a full interchange on I-75 at North Down River Road.
- Severe thunderstorms packing high winds and frequent lightning left thousands without power throughout Crawford County and northern lower Michigan on June 24 and 25.
- The Grayling Army Airfield opened to civilian traffic on June 26.

- Vicki Royston and her son, Lance, moved into their new home - the second Crawford County Habitat for Humanity house to be built.
- Hanson Hills announced the opening of two new ski runs, including a challenging run dubbed "The Outback."
- On October 9, Mason Palmer and Mary Dobry were crowned 1998 Grayling High School Homecoming King and Queen, as the Vikings defeated the Lincoln Alcona Tigers 45-20.

October

- The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center moved to a new home on Huron Street with the help of many volunteers.
- James Street, also known as the I-75 Business Loop, was re-surfaced through the city of Grayling, with time to spare.
- Grayling High School Soccer Team makes it to District Finals by defeating Bellaire 2-0.
- Grayling Middle School Drama performs *Casey at the Bar* October

- 16 and 17.
- On October 22, the Grayling Promotional Association named Marianne Gosnell "Woman of the Year" for 1998.
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to apply to the State of Michigan in order to convey five acres of land on which to build a new animal shelter. Grayling Township gives their approval, too. The land is adjacent to the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

November

- Grayling citizens and visitors are warned by the city police to keep valuables from view in their vehicles due to a rash of "smash-and-grab" larcenies. Some arrests were made in the incidents.
- County voters elect five new commissioners, leaving Lynnette Corlew the only incumbent on the board. Elected November 5 were District #1 Harold Golnick, District #2 Scott Hanson, District #3 Shelley Pinkelman, District #4 Lynnette Corlew, District #5 Elizabeth Wieland, and District #6 Terry Beardslee.
- A minor fire, caused by a spark in the lumber mill's drying process, broke out in the early morning hours of November 7 at Weyerhaeuser Company. There was minimal damage and the mill was back in full operation later that night.
- Crawford AuSable School District and the Kids Count committee kick-off a campaign for a high school improvement bond issue to

- go to the voters on December 8.
- County Commissioners gave their full support to a proposed shopping mall project in Beaver Creek Township. Developers Jerry DeWitt and Ron Fraser are seeking to develop a 190-acre site into a full-service retail mall.
- Paul Compo was appointed as the first-ever County Controller by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. His service began on November 16.
- Grayling High School Players presented the musical *Anything Goes*, November 19-21.
- A floor safe containing an undetermined amount of cash was discovered stolen from the Red Barn on November 9.
- A strong, fall windstorm blew through Crawford County and northern Michigan on November 10, leaving thousands without power. Winds clocked at 80 m.p.h. snapped trees and power lines.
- Ground-breaking took place at

- the site of the third Crawford County Habitat for Humanity home. It will be built with the help of Grayling High School students.
- The Grayling City/Township Cemetery Committee requests the closure of some roads in the Elmwood Cemetery and plot price increase due to lack of space.
- Grayling High School MEAP scores show big improvement over last year's scores. Superintendent Kent Reynolds said the improvement was due to integration of test materials into the school curriculum.
- Several legal opinions negate any temporary appointments by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to the Board of the Road Commission. The new board could choose to have Road Board members elected.
- The 5th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee and volunteers served more than 400 meals; many were home-delivered.

August

- The Crawford County Parks Commission began its campaign to re-develop the Grayling Fish Hatchery and seek National Historic Designation.
- The Sheriff's Road Patrol Proposal and E-911 Emergency Service Proposals failed to pass on August 4 with voter turn-out the best in 10 years.
- On August 7 Grayling city water customers were issued a boil order following detection of coliform bacteria in the water supply. The order was cancelled on August 10 after the system was treated with chlorine and tested okay.
- About 310 pounds of marijuana and \$700,000 in cash and property was seized at a Beaver Creek Township home on August 8.
- Armed robbers hit the Super 8 Motel on August 12, taking an unde-

- termined amount of cash and fleeing into the night.
- The 30-foot tall Paul Bunyan, made from old Kaiser car parts, was moved from the I-75 Business Loop on August 4 to Alpena Community College where it would serve as the school's mascot.
- Loren Bass joined the Grayling High School Staff as Assistant Principal.
- The Crawford County Commission on Aging celebrated its 25th anniversary.
- Automatic scorekeepers were introduced at Legion Lanes.
- The Grayling Kiwanis brought the Carson & Barnes Circus to town on a one-day, two-performance stop.
- The GHS Alumni Association named Rep. Allen Lowe as GHS Alumni 1998.
- Ground was broken for a new

- gated community in South Branch Township called Forest Dunes.
- The Crawford AuSable School District considered another bond issue as early as December 8 for high school improvements after the issue failed by only 127 votes in June.
- Concerned Citizens for Crawford County lost their battle to place on the November ballot a proposal to elect Road Board members when Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss sent the message, "The matter is not an issue for the election process," and that the County Board has the power to change the method of selecting Road Board members.
- The State of Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of Richard Marsack in the July 13, 1993 shooting death of DNR Officer Terence Barr.

- At their December 8 meeting, the County Board re-appointed Robert Nelson to the Road Commission Board without interviewing nine citizens who applied for the advertised seat, leaving some in attendance claiming a disservice had been done to county taxpayers.
- Don Babcock was hired by the Road Commission for Crawford County to fill the position of Managing Director, filling the position left vacant for over six months after the firing of James Briney.
- The high school improvement bond proposal fails for the second time in six months on December 8.
- The Grayling Kiwanis Club organized the first-ever Key Club at Grayling High School, receiving their charter on December 4 during a ceremony at Shoppenagon's Inn.
- The Rialto Theatre and the

- Crawford AuSable School District's Cultural Events Series brought to the big screen the re-mastered 60th anniversary edition of the *Wizard of Oz*.
- The newly elected Crawford County Board of Commissioners took their oaths of office on December 10, with the Honorable John Hunter presiding in the absence of the Honorable Alton Davis who was presiding over a murder trial in Kalkaska County.
- Kirtland Community College begins a \$7.2 million expansion project, while the schools president, Dorothy N. Franke, Ph.D., announced she would retire on September 30, 1999.
- A Santa Claus, displayed for 38 years by the Papendick family on Smith Street, was stolen. Santa was returned anonymously a few weeks

- later.
- The Road Commission agreed to split with the Transit Authority the pre-engineering costs of more trail development in Crawford County. Trails would be used recreationally by cyclists, snowmobilers and as foot paths.
- New Grayling Elementary Principal Judy Bonne was introduced to the community. A 27-year education veteran and a Michigan State University graduate, Bonne replaced Kathryn Sergeant in the position.
- A sudden white-out at 11:54 on New Year's Eve triggered a 125-car pile-up in the northbound lanes of I-75 near Frederic, killing one person and injuring at least 39 others. The accident was called by some law enforcement agencies the worst pile-up in northern Michigan history.

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Varsity Basketball beats Owls, edges Spartans

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a game that featured an early comeback by Grayling and a late comeback effort by Pinconning, the GHS Varsity Boys Basketball Team beat the visiting Pinconning Spartans on Tuesday, January 5, by three points, 74-71.

The Vikings hurt themselves early with fouls on Pinconning shots, leading to three Spartan three-point plays in the first period.

Pinconning shot the ball well in the opening quarter, and took an early 13-6 lead over the Vikes with an 8-0 scoring run.

GHS countered with a three pointer by David Hawkins to pull Grayling within four.

Grayling later scored six unanswered points with a three-point play by Eli Tobin and three free throws by Nate Hinkle. The Spartans came back with a pair of two-point buckets to put the Pinconning lead back to six. Tobin hit a jumper to end the period, bringing Grayling back within four, 19-23.

Hinkle opened the second quarter scoring with a triple to pull Grayling within one, 22-23.

Pinconning answered with a three-point play, a field goal and a pair of free throws to take an eight point lead, 30-22.

GHS fought back, and with about two minutes left in the half started to gain some offensive momentum. The Vikings managed to muster a few defensive stops and finished the half with a 7-1 scoring drive. Hinkle took the ball to the basket for the final shot of the second period, which tied the score at 33-33.

Hinkle scored a three-point shot to open the third quarter, which gave Grayling its first lead of the game since early in the first period. The Vikings maintained the

momentum, and started to pull away. A long jumper by Tobin put Grayling up by nine, 48-39.

Pinconning then battled back, using a solid inside game to score three unanswered buckets.

Nate Beckwith then connected on a shot from downtown, followed by a dunk by Hinkle. Pinconning hit the last basket of the quarter to put the Grayling lead at six, 53-47.

Grayling continued to shoot well in the fourth quarter, and it looked like the Vikes would wrap the game up easily.

Pinconning, however, fought back hard in the last couple minutes to make it a close game.

Grayling failed to convert on a pair of one and one free throw attempts with just over a minute left, giving the Spartans a good opportunity to mount a comeback.

Pinconning capitalized with a three-point play to pull within four, 63-67.

The Spartans were forced to continue fouling, and put Tobin at the line with 1:01 left in the game for a one and one. Tobin converted both to put Grayling up 69-63.

Pinconning failed to score, and had to foul Hinkle on a Grayling in-bounds play. With GHS now into bonus, Hinkle hit both to give Grayling an eight point lead, 71-63.

With 30 seconds left, Pinconning came back with a three-pointer to cut the GHS lead to 71-66.

The Spartans then put Hinkle back at the line for two shots. He made one of two, and Pinconning answered with another three pointer to pull within three, 69-72.

Beckwith hit one of two from the line, and the Spartans came back with a two-point bucket after having their three-point attempt blocked by Hinkle. The shot cut the Grayling lead to two, 73-71.

With two seconds left, the Spartans put Hinkle to the line again, and he made one of two to give GHS a three-point lead, 74-71.

Pinconning didn't have time for another quality shot, and Grayling came out with the win, 74-71.

"Our kids played well in spurts," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We did some nice things at the offensive



Photo by Linda Golnick

IN BOUNDS "D" -- Jeremy Millikin prepares to defend against an Oscoda in-bounds play.

end of the court." Hinkle scored a double-double, after tossing in 29 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Beckwith scored 16, and Tobin put in 15 points.

The team played its second game of the week on Friday, January 8, against the Owls of Oscoda. Grayling won that game as well, by a score of 69-48.

Grayling maintained a lead for the entire game.

The Vikings started out strong, going up 24-7 in the first period on a three-pointer by Beckwith. The Owls got a couple back, and GHS led 24-12 going into the second.

Grayling continued to play well on the defensive end, and racked up a 38-22 lead by halftime.

Tobin had a good third period,

scoring 10 points on two triples, a jumper and a drive to the basket. Grayling led 53-36 after three quarters.

GHS built on its lead in the fourth quarter, and wrapped up the game with a 21 point lead, 69-48.

Tobin led the overall scoring with 14 points. Hinkle and Hawkins each scored 13, and Ritter put in 12 points.

Hinkle and Ritter were the top rebounders with eight apiece.

"Our kids played well defensively," said Coach Moffit. "Our kids were diving and scrapping after every loose ball."

Grayling's next three matches will be on the road, including games at Standish, Saginaw Valley and West Branch.

GHS Wrestling beats Standish and Saginaw

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team travelled to Standish on January 7 to face off against Standish Sterling and Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Grayling wrestled well against both teams, beating Saginaw Valley by a score of 40-39 and Standish Sterling by a final tally of 45-30.

The GHS wrestlers will hold its first home meet of the '98-99 season on Wednesday, January 13. The meet will feature teams from Grayling, Roscommon and Houghton Lake.

On Saturday, January 16, GHS will participate in the Ithaca Invitational.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Wrestling
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Viking skiers open new league with wins

The Grayling High School Ski Team recently opened play in its new conference with an overall win against Roscommon.

GHS is skiing in a new league this year, the Central Alpine Ski Conference. The CASC is composed of Grayling, Roscommon, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Harrison and Farwell.

Grayling beat Roscommon in both boys and girls competition.

The Viking girls defeated Roscommon 20-50. (In skiing the low score wins.)

"The girls team scored a perfect 20 for a meet win," said Coach Mike Wieland. "They all skied very well."

The top skier was senior Katie Olson, who placed first in both slalom and giant slalom.

Brooke Ginther placed second in both races, Kim Hartman placed third in both races, and freshman Kelly Jansen finished fourth in both races to complete the running order for Grayling.

The Viking boys came close to the perfect score of 20 with a 21-64 victory over the Roscommon boys team.

"The boys team skied very aggressively in both slalom and giant slalom to put a lot of pressure on Roscommon," said Coach Wieland.

The top skiers were Colin Hunter and Eric Thompson. Both placed first in one event and second in the other.

Hunter placed first in giant slalom and second in slalom, and Thompson took first in slalom and second in giant slalom. Only 31 hundredths of a second separated the two after four trips down the hill.

Matt Ginther placed fifth in giant slalom and third in slalom, Josh Mueller placed eighth in giant slalom and fourth in slalom, Jason Boreo was third in giant slalom, and Derek Quick placed

fifth in giant slalom. Slalom skiers Ray Trudgeon and Paul Jansen placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

In boys "B" competition Grayling won 22-57. The top skier was Trudgeon in giant slalom, who placed first with the fastest run of the day of any giant slalom skier.

Paul Jansen placed second in giant slalom, Damian

Fleischmann took third, Matt Thomas fourth, Matt Mitchell fifth, and Eric Hart tenth.

In "B" team slalom competition, Viking finishers included: Quick, first place; Mitchell, second place; Boreo, fourth; Thomas, fifth; Hart, sixth. Fleischmann lost a ski and was disqualified.

"It was a great team effort from all of our skiers," said Coach Wieland. "With 17 Grayling boys

racing, the competition among ourselves right now is very intense. We have three seniors being pushed real hard by some juniors, sophomores and a few freshmen."

The Vikings will ski again on Thursday, January 14, at Farwell and on Friday, January 15, at Crystal Mountain, where they will take on Manistee and three other teams.



Photo by Linda Goinick

GHS SKI TEAM -- (front row, left to right) Colin Hunter, Kelly Jansen, Brooke Ginther, Katie Olson, Kim Hartman, Monica Kustra, Tanya Helsel, Eric Thompson. (middle row, left to right) Paul Jansen, Derek Quick, Joe Hughes, Matt Thomas, Ben McNally, Josh Mueller, Jason Boreo, Ray Trudgeon. (back row, left to right) Coach Mike Wieland, Justin Fenn, Kyle Crawford, Damian Fleischmann, Keil Clough, Matt Mitchell, Eric Hart, Matt Ginther. Not pictured: Danielle McClanahan.



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COLIN HUNTER

Colin finished first in giant slalom and second in slalom while leading the boys squad in its victory over Roscommon.

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Viking of the Week



Skiing
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Katie led the girls team with two first place finishes against the Roscommon Bucks at Treetops last week.

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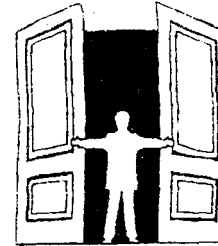
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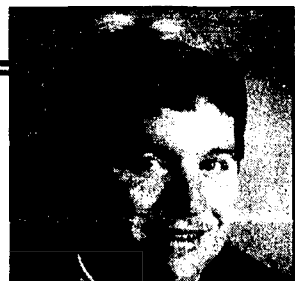
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JV Basketball racks up two more wins

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team defeated the visiting Pinconning Spartans on Tuesday, January 5, by a total of 35 points.

Grayling jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the opening period on a three pointer by Brad Gorski. The Vikings built up a sizeable lead from there, leading the Spartans 26-11 after one quarter.

The Vikings played strong defense, and scored many of their points with strong drives to the basket.

GHS continued to dominate in the second period, opening up the quarter with a 10-1 scoring run. Grayling's defense racked up quite a few steals, and the Vikes continued to play well on offense with sharp passing and good execution under the basket.

The Vikings took a 31 point lead into the locker room at halftime.

The second half of the game went by very quickly with the mercy rule in effect, which kept the clock rolling continuously.

The Grayling team outscored

Pinconning 14-4 in the third period, by continuing its strong defense and accurate shooting on the offensive end of the court.

After three quarters, Grayling led by 41, 66-25.

The Vikings burned most of the fourth quarter with controlled passing to seal the victory. GHS won by a final score of 72-37.

Gorski led the Grayling scoring with 19. Marcus Bobenmoyer also had a solid offensive game with 18 points. Justin Neuberger put in 14 points.

The JV team won its second game of the week and fifth in a row of the season against the Oscoda Owls on Friday, January 8.

GHS won by 41 points, 70-29.

The Vikings played solid defense, creating turnovers and then capitalizing on them at the offensive end with accurate shooting.

Grayling had a high-scoring first half, with Neuberger, Gorski and Bobenmoyer all reaching double digits in scoring.

The Vikings led 44-17 at the second quarter buzzer.

GHS continued to overwhelm

Oscoda in the second half, holding the Owls to 12 points in the final 16 minutes.

The fourth quarter ticked away fast after the mercy rule was invoked, and Grayling came out with the lop-sided win, 70-29.

Neuberger led the scoring with

16. Gorski and Bobenmoyer each put in 13, and Levi Burkett put in 10 points.

The Vikings next face a long series of road trips, including stops at Standish, Saginaw Valley and West Branch.



Photo by Linda Golnick

TO THE BASKET -- Brad Gorski drives to the hoop for a lay-up against the Oscoda Owls.

8th graders lose to West Branch, Roscommon

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GMS 8th grade Boys Basketball "White" Team hosted West Branch on Monday, December 21, and lost by a final score of 23-30.

"The team played a great game," said Coach Craig Hofman. "What cost us was seven missed free throws and 10 missed lay-ups."

"The team did a great job pressing and defending," continued Hofman. "Again, the energy level was low in the fourth quarter and the offense sputtered with only two points."

Adam Kaiser led the overall Viking scoring with 16 points.

"Chris Johns and Chris Newberry did a great job on the boards," added Hofman. "Adam Kaiser and Matt Strohpaul did an awesome job offensively and Eric Hunter forced several turnovers with his aggressive play on the press. Danny Mahanny also played an excellent all-around game."

After holiday break, the 8th graders returned to court action for a pair of games, first travelling to Roscommon to face the Bucks, and

then hosting Kalkaska.

The game against Roscommon on January 6 resulted in a 9-54 loss for Grayling. For this game the two GMS 8th grade teams ("Green" and "White") combined due to lack of players.

"Rosco was real tough," said Coach Dan Feldhauser. "(They had) good guard play and trapping. We had trouble taking care of the ball."

"We were proud that the players kept playing hard," added Feldhauser.

The two 8th grade teams combined again for the January 7 home contest against Kalkaska, which Kalkaska won 60-15.

"We have run into two teams that shoot very well from the outside," said Coach Feldhauser. "The team showed a lot more intensity this game."

"Chris Johns and Chris Newberry are playing hard and improving greatly," he added.

Chris Wakely and John Baker led the scoring with five apiece.

The Grayling Middle School 8th graders will head to Gaylord on Monday, January 18.

7th grade 'White' starts season with five wins

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 7th grade "White" Team kept its winning ways going on Monday, December 21, by beating West Branch (Surline) by 21 points, 31-10.

"Grayling shot very well from the field to open a big lead in the first half," said Coach Phil Trudgeon. "A strong defensive effort kept Surline to a total of 10 points."

Travis Gildner was the Grayling high scorer with nine points. Joe Zelek and Joe Lange each scored eight.

The team returned from the holiday break ready to play, chalking up two more wins.

On Wednesday, January 6, GMS hosted Roscommon. The Vikes beat the Bucks 43-37.

Lange led the scoring with 14 points. Zack Guardado had eight

points, and Greg Morrill scored seven.

"The team played very well offensively, scoring 16 points in the first quarter. The team is playing good man-to-man defense, and is improving as a group every game."

Grayling won its second game of the week on Thursday, January 7, by beating Kalkaska 21-16.

"The team had its best defensive effort to date," said Coach Trudgeon. "The kids are working as a team with all players contributing."

"Chris Riggs, Travis Gildner and Greg Morrill led the team in rebounding," continued Trudgeon. "Joe Lange has played solid on both ends of the floor all season long."

The win put the 7th grade team at 5-0 for the season.

The team's next game will be at home against Gaylord on Monday, January 18.

7th grade 'Green' wins two in a row

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 7th grade Boys Basketball "Green" Team posted two consecutive wins following the holiday break, beating Roscommon and Kalkaska.

The GMS Vikings hosted Roscommon on Wednesday, January 6, and beat the visiting Bucks by 19 points, 44-25.

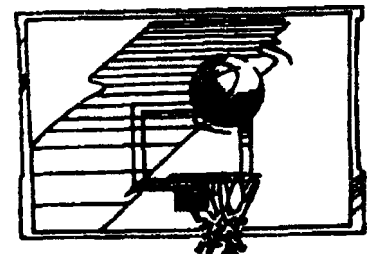
Chad Helsel led the Grayling scoring with 14 points. Roy Czapek added nine, and Tyler Knapp put in seven points.

"The team played real well as a 'team,' with good passing and good defense," said Coach Mark Hartman. "We had a balanced scoring attack with seven players scoring."

"Being the team's first win of the season they really wanted this one, and they played real well to get the win," added Hartman.

On Thursday, January 7, the Vikings travelled to Kalkaska to take on the Blue Blazers. Grayling won its second game of the week, edging the Blazers 24-23.

"The team played well on defense but had a hard time mak-



ing the shots," said Coach Hartman. "It was a defensive battle for both teams."

"It was nice to be on the winning side of a one point ball game for once," said Hartman.

The team is now halfway through the regular season. The two wins have put the "Green" team's record at 2-3.

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade basketball teams will go to Roscommon on Wednesday, January 13, and will host Gaylord on Monday, January 18.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Pioneer League

Custom Interior	7 - 1
Aunt Betty's	6 - 2
Avalanche	5.5 - 2.5
Ginger's	3.5 - 4.5
Mercy Hospital	3 - 5
Chemical Bank	2.5 - 5.5
Lady Slippers	2.5 - 5.5
Millikin's	2 - 6
High Game: C. Lewis, 206; J. Hinds and T. Parker, 186.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 528; T. Parker, 496; K. Trudeau, 493.	

Recreation League

Peterson Saw Service	14 - 2
Fun - N - Sun Rental	11 - 5
Mark 8	8 - 8
Scheer Motors	8 - 8
Glen's Market	8 - 8
Gray Rock Cafe	5 - 11
Mickey Perez CPA	5 - 11
Cornell	5 - 11
High Game: J. Hinds, 217; M. Adrian, 205; D. Mead, 189.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 600; A. Mastej, 539; P. Terry, 514.	

American Men's

Forrest Bros.	12 - 2
Moore's Auto	10 - 4

Gaylord Ford	9 - 5
McLean's Ace	7 - 7
Joel's Team	7 - 7
Upper Lakes	5 - 9
Fenton's Auto	4 - 10
Stitches by Sue	2 - 12
High Game: L. Helsel, 246 and 224; J. Thayer, 237.	
High Series: L. Helsel, 630; J. Thayer, 623; P. Faustman, 590.	

Triangle

Barber Const.	9 - 3
C.S.I. Ind. Sys.	8 - 4
Summer	7.5 - 4.5
Moshier Auto	5.5 - 6.5
Airway Auto	5 - 7
Johnson	1 - 11
High Game: J. Robideau, 222; R. Meyers, 210; C. Melick.	
High Series: C. Melick, 558; T. Everly, 551; R. Meyers, 549.	

Sunday Night Mixed

McDonald's of Gaylord	11 - 1
Waste Management	7 - 5
McDonald's	7 - 5
Citgo	7 - 5
Custom Interiors	5 - 7
Wakeley's Auto Parts	4 - 8
Us & Them	4 - 8
R&M Masonry	3 - 9
Men's High Game: B. Nielson, 226; B. Starks, 220; J. Helsel, 190.	
Men's High Series: J. Helsel and B. Nielson, 544; R. Hinds, 500.	
Women's High Game: S. France and S. Romain, 199; K. Moshier, 188.	
Women's High Series: S. France, 493; S. Romain, 488; J. Hinds, 453.	

National First

Faustman's Insurance	73 - 32
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Grayling Ford	54 - 51
Century 21	54 - 51
Hellebuyck Masonry	54 - 51
Forrest Brothers	53 - 52
Swamp II	48 - 57
Northern White Tail	47 - 58
Gun's & Grub's	37 - 68
High Game: B. Palmer, 258; A. Angove, 233; S. Kaiser, 224.	
High Series: B. Palmer, 627; C. Brill, 597; T. Devins, 596.	

Friday Mixed Double

Charlie's Country Corner	7 - 1
Fick & Sons	5 - 3
Just Us	4.5 - 3.5
Hilltop Manor HCC	4 - 4
Moshier Auto Repair	3.5 - 4
R. Calkins & Sons	3 - 5
Sawmill	3 - 5
Aunt Betty's	1 - 7
High Game Men: R. Moshier, 191; B. Denton, 190; L. Helsel, 189.	
High Series Men: L. Helsel, 530; J. Campbell, 503; R. Moshier, 487.	
High Game S. Phillips, 183; K. Moshier, 173; K. Trudeau, 168.	
High Series Women: S. Phillips, 501; K. Trudeau, 486; K. Moshier, 462.	

American Men's

McLean's Ace	7 - 0
Forrest Bros.	7 - 0
Joel's Team	5 - 2
Moore's Auto	5 - 2
Fenton's Auto	2 - 5
Gaylord Ford	2 - 5
Upper Lakes	0 - 7
Stitches by Sue	0 - 7
High Game: L. Davis, 256; L. Helsel, 245; T. Kotrash, 241.	

High Series: L. Helsel, 642; P. Faustman, 617; L. Davis, 603.	
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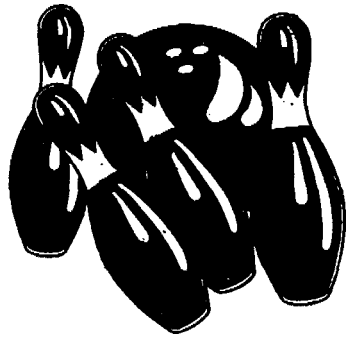
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Barber Const.	5 - 3
Airway Auto	5 - 3
C.S.I. Ind. Sys.	4 - 4
Summer	3.5 - 4.5
Johnson	1 - 7
High Game: D. Barrett, 245; R. Meyers, 209; M. Campbell, 204.	
High Series: D. Barrett, 585; R. Meyers, 573; M. Campbell, 565.	

Recreation League

Fun - N - Sun Rental	11 - 1
Peterson Saw Service	10 - 2
Scheer Motors	8 - 4
Mark 8	7 - 5
Glen's Market	5 - 7
Mickey Perez CPA	4 - 8
Gray Rock Cafe	2 - 10
Cornell	1 - 11
High Game: J. Strachan, 207; K. Schneider, 191; M. McClanahan, 189.	
High Series: P. Terry, 526; K. Schmidt, 494; K. Schneider and L. Krey, 466.	

Northwood

Millikin's	6 - 2
Rich's Cycle Service	5 - 3
Darrell's Roofing	5 - 3
R & M Masonry	5 - 3
R. Calkins & Sons	4 - 4
Rochette's	3 - 5
Shady Acres Party Store	3 - 5
Milltown Chiropractic	1 - 7
High Game: J. Hinds, 225 and 192; L. Dannenberg, 192.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 587; K. Schmidt, 497; L. Dannenberg, 493.	



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Transport

Chevilles	11 - 1
Corvettes	7 - 5
T-birds	6 - 6
Mustangs	6 - 6
Road Masters	6 - 6
Camaro's	5 - 7
Ramblers	4 - 8
Mercury Cruisers	3 - 9
High Scratch Game: Male - D.J. Canfield, 224; Female - K. Davis, 148.	
High Scratch Series: Male - D.J. Canfield, 590; Female - K. Davis, 375.	
Most Pins Over Average Male - S. Gildner, 96; Female - A. Yanniello, 34.	
Most Pins Over Series Male - D. J. Canfield, 128; Female - A. Adair, 79.	

Rock

Beatles	7.5 - 1.5
Tops	7 - 2
Supremes	7 - 2
Temptations	4.5 - 4.5
Dimensions	4 - 5
Pretenders	2 - 7
Rolling Stones	2 - 7
Rat Pack	2 - 7
High Scratch Game: Male - B. Jones, 129; Female - C. Helsel, 107.	
High Scratch Series: Male - B. Jones, 207; Female - A. Helsel, 179.	
Most Pins Over Average: Male - B. Jones, 36; Female - C. Helsel, 34.	
Most Pins Over Series: Male - J. Armstrong, 26; Female - K. May, 11.	

Roll

Leaders of the Pack	8 - 1
Hound Dogs	6 - 3
Twisters	6 - 3
Limbo's	6 - 3
Rock'n Robins	5.5 - 3.5



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Blue Suedes	4.5 - 4.5
Jail House Rockers	0 - 9
Surfers	0 - 9
High Scratch Game: Male - J. Root, 144; Female - M. McGuire, 106.	
High Scratch Series: Male - P. Armstrong, 233; Female - M. McGuire, 169.	
Most Pins Over Average: Male - J. Root, 62; Female - S. Adair, 31.	
Most Pins Over Series: Male - M. Wakeley, 14.	

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• Sat. & Sun. 2:15, 4:15

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• 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2:15, 4:15

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• Sat. & Sun. 2, 4:20

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 17-23

ARIES

March 21-April 20

This is the week to seriously think about that move you've been considering. The first step is evaluating your finances. Don't get too deep in the process until you know if your finances can take it. Also, does your partner really want to move?

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Work may not seem to go well this week. The big problem is that there is so much going on. Evaluate the work you've done and don't dwell on the things that didn't go so well. Instead, concentrate on and take pride in the ones that went great.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Avoid boredom this week. You've been thinking about being adventurous; this is the week to go for it. Don't forget you promised a friend some help on a project. It may not seem vital to you, but it's very important to someone else.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

This may not be an easy week. However, you should remember a couple of things. Silence sometimes speaks louder than words. And, whatever you do, don't overreact to problems at work and don't let people get under your skin.

LEO

July 23-August 23

You know that idea you've had concerning a situation or problem at work? This is your week to pitch it. Once you make the pitch, be quietly confident about your idea, and others may just come to share your opinion. Don't get pushy.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Be patient with your partner this week and don't jump to conclusions. You may not know the whole story. If you're beginning to feel as if you have bitten off more than you can chew, now is the time to step back and reevaluate your life.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Your best route this week is to be direct. But at the same time, you will need to be sensitive to other people's ideas and emotions. Ignore the shortcomings of friends and family this week. Be sure to keep from getting upset over something insignificant.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Common sense will reap benefits for you this week. Try not to blame a problem on others, but instead, use your common sense to work it out. Also, you have to remember that you can ask for help instead of doing it all on your own.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Use your ambitions for your own good this week and make something happen. You may be becoming restless within your surroundings, and this is just the time to find something new...a new home, a different hobby or a new interest.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Saturday will be your best day this week. You'll get a lot accomplished—allowing time for that home repair or chore you've been putting off. When the jobs are done, reward yourself with a shopping trip or a night out.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Tough money decisions may be just around the corner for you. Don't rely on friends and family for advice. Seek out the advice of a professional and trust his/her instincts. Be sure to dress smart this week for work or any special events.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Keep your eyes open for a bargain this week. It may be just the thing to take your mind off family discord. Stay away from getting involved in a long conversation at work. Even though you didn't start it, it could end up making you look bad.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

YUMMY YOGURT SMOOTHIE

8 oz. plain yogurt
6 large frozen strawberries
1 sliced banana
1/2 cup frozen blueberries
1 tbsp. honey
1 tbsp. flaxseed oil
(available at local health food stores, enhances brain development)
Milk, juice, rice or soy beverage (to desired amount)

Mix ingredients and blend until smooth. Add liquids for desired consistency. Serve immediately after blending while the mixture still has a bubbly, milkshake texture.

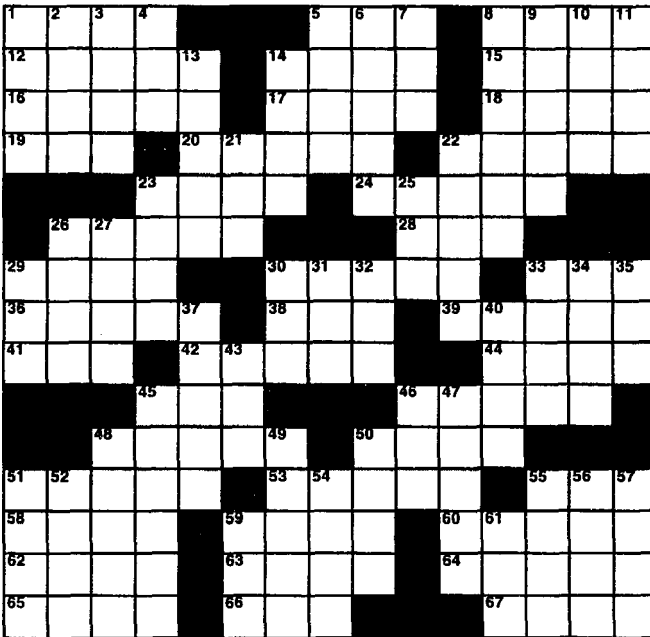
Our kids love this breakfast and it's a tried and true way to give your children the nutritious balance they need to start their day.

Dr. William Sears, pediatrician, father and best selling author of The Baby Book, The Discipline Book, and The A.D.D. Book, is in a private practice in San Clemente, California.



HOME NEEDED - These pups are 5 weeks old. The mom is a Setter mix, but the pups look like Rhodesian Ridgebacks. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. A collection of laws
5. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
8. Large deer
12. Peers
14. Spoken in Sulu archipelago
15. In ___ of; instead of
16. Cause friction
17. Semitic language
18. Current units
19. OM
20. Rattling breaths
22. Rumanian city
23. Withered; dry
24. Structures built to cross large bodies of water
26. Followed by "of"; knowing or realizing the existence of
28. Pub order
29. Narrow strip
30. One-seeded fruit
33. Actress ___ McClanahan
36. Opponents of tortoiseshells
38. Steal
39. Closes tightly
41. Wrath
42. ___ Martin, 007's car
44. Not pre-recorded
45. Returned Material Authorization: abbr.
46. Soviet river
48. The absence of war
50. Sheep sounds
51. Red mineral

53. River in South America
55. A major division of geological time
58. Homer's Iliad, for example
59. Glide
60. Absorption unit
62. Subtlety and finesse
63. Sums
64. Costello's partner
65. Bird genus
66. Foot (Latin)
67. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)

DOWN

1. Body cavities
2. An island of Hawaii
3. Aviridupois unit
4. Santa's helper
5. Type of rabbit
6. Get together
7. Leg (slang)
8. Julia Louis-Dreyfus role on "Seinfeld"
9. Arms and legs
10. Cap
11. Guinea people
13. More dried-up
14. A discount on prices
21. ___ you serious?"
22. Clearances
23. Satiate
25. Used to fry eggs
26. A growth-regulating chemical sprayed on fruit trees
27. One of a similar kind
29. Muslim
30. The creations of sculptors, painters and photographers
31. Prince Andrew's friend
32. The compass point that is one point north of due east
33. Sky water?
34. Protocist genus
35. That: Spanish
37. Languages of Sulu islands
40. Ancient Olympic site
43. A pouchlike structure in a plant or animal
45. Responds
46. Digital Audio Tape: abbr.
47. Seaport in Finland
48. A folded part (as a fold of skin or muscle)
49. Ancient lyric poem
50. Pubs
51. The 2nd letter of the Greek alphabet
52. S. American armadillo with three bands of bony plates
54. Fellows
55. Declines
56. A chaotic group disturbance
57. Against; prefix
59. Fluid that comes out of trees
61. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO January 8, 1976

Robert Smock Jr. was recently appointed Youth Services Director of Crawford County. The Youth Services Program is a relatively new service in eight Northern Michigan Counties, initiated by N.E.M.C.A. (Northeast Michigan Community Action) of Alpena.

Fortunately no one was injured in the mishap that occurred last week at the intersection of I-75 Business Loop and M-72 West, as a freight carrier semi dislocated the wrong portion of the truck, while still making its delivery.

A nice Northern Pike was caught by William G. Cox of Grayling on January 7 in the South Bay of Lake Margrethe. It weighed 18 lbs., was 42 1/2 inches long and measured 17 3/4 inches around.

Mrs. Gary McClain was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party for her on Saturday evening. The group had dinner at the Kin Fongs in Kalkaska, then returned to the Mark Twain performance at the High School. Following the show they adjourned to the Bob Woodland home where everyone enjoyed the traditional birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hawkins have moved to their new home on Pine Road off N. Down River Road about 8 miles from Grayling.

Following the holidays spent with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alef, Jim Alef, is now stationed at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Seely Wakeley, Jr., of Grayling are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Melissa Ann, on January 8, weighing 7 lbs, 5 ozs.

The Grayling ski team opened their 1976 season with a new team scoring system and a young racing squad and came out with wins in both boys and girls races against Lincoln Alcona on January 7.

Coach Weiland's teams grabbed the first five places in both races with the boys team winning 20-86, and the girls pulling off a 20-66 win.

46 Years Ago January 1, 1953

The Grayling City Council at their regular monthly meeting last week appointed Russell Carlson of St. Louis as Grayling's new City Manager.

Mr. Carlson, currently City Superintendent of the City of St. Louis, Michigan, will assume the duties of Grayling's City Manager about February 1, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer, Jr., (Mae Small) are pleased over the arrival of a son, Fred Lewis at Mercy Hospital on January 9. He weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. The young man's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer, Sr., and Clarence Small.

It's a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson born at Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, January 7. She has been named Nancy Lynn and weighed 7 and a half pounds. Nancy's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rutkowski. We would like to add as we have it on good authority, that "Daddy" Hanson is gradually recovering "at this writing."

Shirley Kolka, brown haired Grayling High School Senior will rule as the 1953 Winter Queen. It was revealed by Winter Sports President, Glover Cason, at a gathering at the Winter Sports Park last Saturday night. She will have as her court; Miss Shirley Gildner, Leuelen Watkins, Jerrimae Harwood, and Jean Lovely.

Hal Riggs, M.P., U.S. Marines is visiting friends and relatives at Grayling and Frederic. He is on delayed route till January 23rd when he will leave for Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin (Virginia Peterson) of Lansing are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Jane on December 28. Sarah's grandparents are the T.P. Petersons and J.L. Martins of this city. Mrs. Peterson returned home Tuesday after spending the week in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Babbitt of Howard City have another son born New Year's Day. Named Max Richard. Their oldest child Mike, is spending a few weeks here with his grandmother, Pearl Babbitt.

69 Years Ago January 16, 1930

Mr. W. Ketzbeck is driving a new 1930 Ford Tudor.

Gerald Poor of Traverse City began his duties as history teacher Monday Morning at Grayling High School.

Fred Larson of Johannesburg was a caller in Grayling the first of the week.

Miss Ina Herdiline is assisting in the bakery during the absence of Miss Margurite Montour.

18 planes from Selfridge Field soared over Grayling about 10 o'clock Friday morning, on their first days flight from Detroit to the Pacific Coast.

92 Years Ago January 17, 1907

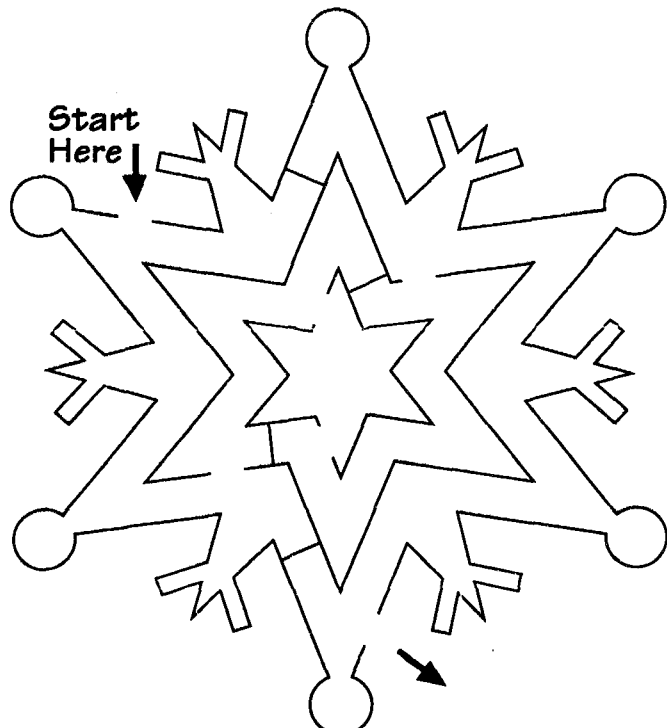
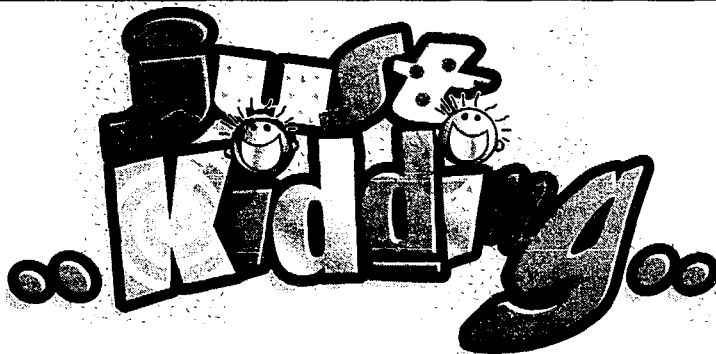
Thursday evening Mrs. Jerome entertained the ladies at cards.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Maude Hanson entertained a group of 500 ladies.

Mrs. Thomas Anger fell on an icy walk last Friday evening and fractured her arm.

Miss Potter of Milwaukee has been the guest of Mrs. R. Hanson this week.

Friday afternoon a group of ladies were entertained by Mrs. Alexander at Pedro.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
1/6	15	1	1.75"	21.75"
1/7	15	0	3"	22"
1/8	9	-4	.5"	22"
1/9	15	-5	1"	22.5"
1/10	16	3		22.5"
1/11	10	-19	2"	
1/12	6	-18	1.5"	24.5"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday will be dry with the high in the 20s and low 0 to -10. Friday will have a chance of rain or snow with the high in the 30s and the low 10 to the upper teens. Saturday will have a high in the 30s and low in the 20s.

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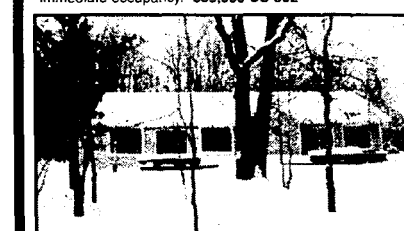
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1146 S. STEPHAN BRIDGE RD. Excellent opportunity for that handyman. 3 bedroom home fronting blacktop. 2 1/2 acres. Large living room with door-wall. Close to AuSable River and state trail system. Great potential for only \$40,000. CH-704



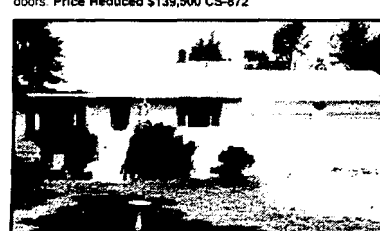
SECLUDED 10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS Located on Four Mile Road in Beaver Creek Twp. Oversized windows offer abundance of natural light. Custom built ranch. 1706 sq. ft., full basement, black top drive, finished garage. Quality six panel wood interior doors. Vaulted ceiling in great room. Gas fireplace. \$158,500 CH-888



10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AU SABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from water's edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$139,500 CS-872



NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement, 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. \$69,500 CS-837



THREE ACRES with additional 6 1/2 acres available. Andersen windows, Blazeking woodstove, 12x20 barn, 24x24 garage, private setting. Just listed. \$47,000 Additional acreage at \$8,200. CH-673



LEISURE LANE located East of Grayling near Stephan Bridge Rd. 702 s.f., one B/R home being used as rental income property. 3 stg. buildings, 65x330 parcel. Just listed at \$23,000 CH-797



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath offering 1,056 sq. ft. of living space. Features include large dining room and spacious kitchen. City water and sewer, plus well for drinking water in house. Appliances include stove refrigerator, washer and dryer, large backyard and new vinyl siding. \$42,000 CS-882



GOOD THINGS DO COME IN SMALL PACKAGES! This is one of them! 800 sq. ft. with natural gas F.A. heat. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, fenced yard, 8x10 deck, 12x20 garage. Well maintained and immediate occupancy! \$44,500 CS-861



RENTAL/COMMERCIAL BUILDING with view of AuSable River and I-75 Business Loop exposure. Building offers 1,248 sq. ft., kitchenette, bath, office and large display area. This property offers many possibilities. \$39,000 bank financing, or \$54,000 owner financing CH-698



HARBOR BEACH, LAKE MARGRETHE'S FINEST PRIVATE ASSOCIATION. Privileges include: boat slip on canal, lakefront park/beach, adjoining common park. Landscaped yard, circle drive, freshly painted and floor covering. Brick fireplace with insert, knotty pine accent, heated and insulated 24x36 garage. Home contains 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1,056 sq. ft. living area. New offering. \$105,000 CH-757



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NEWLY CONSTRUCTED home with Lake Margrethe access. Features a great floor plan and plenty of extras. #4258 Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com (-14-21/1)

1. Real Estate

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FIVE ACRES #4366 Wonderful up north chalet on five acres with AuSable River access. Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com (-14-21/1)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97f/2)

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER Mobile Home Estates, deposit, references. \$360 month. (517) 684-8707. (-14-21/2)

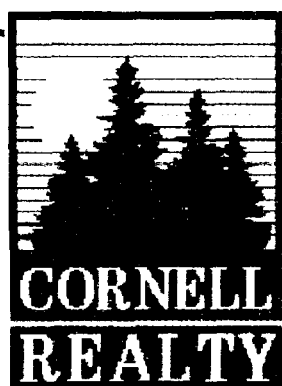
2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040. rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98f/2)

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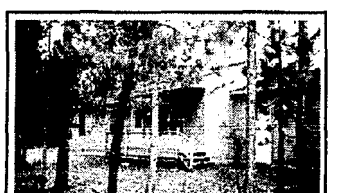
We're all about Up. North!



Residential Recreation Acreage Commercial



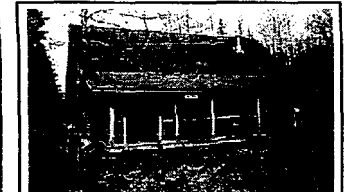
GREAT LOCATION close to AuSable River main stream & South Branch, state land, Wakeley Lake and snowmobile trail. 3 bedroom home with fireplace and 2 1/2 car garage. 10 wooded acres with lots of deer & turkeys. \$75,900 (DL-1177)



CHARMING SECLUDED new home sits on a square 10 acre wooded parcel. Totally furnished with all the appliances, furniture, tv/stereo, hot tub, woodstove, outbuildings and 2 picnic tables. Less than 10 miles from town. \$98,000 (DM-1200)



THREE YEAR OLD WELL BUILT home in the city. Oak kitchen cabinets, attached garage with a cement drive & apron, full finished basement, 4+ bedrooms, 2 full baths. \$89,000 (DM-1194)



72+ ACRES, including large spring-fed pond that feeds Manistee Lake, with 1,400 sq. ft. log cabin will make a great retreat. Too many custom features to list including 24x32 heated pole barn. \$225,000 (KJLJ-1118)



FAMILY HOME on 8.27 acres secluded yet close to town. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, custom oak kitchen with separate dining room. Partial basement, beautiful lawn with sprinkler system. 24x38 garage. Lots of wildlife. \$155,000 (LM-1145)



RENTAL PROPERTY located at 304 Chestnut. One three Bedroom unit plus a one bedroom unit. Fenced in back yard. 2 1/2 car heated garage. \$55,000 on a land contract or \$49,000 cash. (JWMW-1208)



MODERN CABIN located just over 200' from the AuSable River "Holy Waters" with private access. 1 bedroom, bath, enclosed porch and a storage building. \$42,900 (DL-1192)



2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME, large bedrooms, stove, refrigerator, good condition, immediate occupancy, nice tree cover, county maintained roads and Roscommon School District. \$29,900 (MC-1158)



AUSABLE WOODS is the location of this new manufactured home. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & includes stove & refrigerator. Heavily wooded lot 200x213 with close access to State Land & the river. \$64,200 (LM-1107)



FARM HOME ASSUMABLE, 4 bedroom modular, 1 block from Lake Margrethe with lake access. Reduced to \$58,500 (TV-1154)



NEWLY REMODELED home on a lot 112 x 130. Has 2 bedrooms, new carpet, windows, doors, and vinyl siding. Freshly painted and includes washer & dryer. \$46,900 (DL-1190)

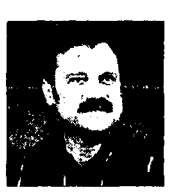


FULL LOG HOME with 210' frontage on AuSable Canal. Insulated and lighted block crawl with cement floor. 24x24 pole barn and 10x10 shed. Beautiful cedar trees cover front yard. Double lot. Kitchen has oak Merillat cabinets. All appliances included. Beautiful view. \$112,000 (JWMW-1136)

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2. For Rent

NEWER TWO BEDROOM HOME close to town, with attached garage, shed, washer-dryer, dishwasher, stove, fridge, natural gas heat, sprinkler system and lawn maintenance, plowing, \$550/month. First and last to move in. Applications taken now, no pets. (517) 348-6938 (12/3/98tf/2)

FOR RENT Two bedroom apartments in town \$425 per month plus gas. References and security deposit. Call (517) 348-2473, leave message. (12/3/98tf/2)

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Building Rental

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THE MEADOWS OF GRAYLING is currently seeking hard working, dependable, self-motivated team players to fill immediate openings in our Nursing department; RN's, LPN's and CENAs. There are full and part-time positions available. Please call or stop by the Meadows of Grayling, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI, (517) 348-2801. (-24-31-7-14/3)

HELP WANTED

Community Corrections Case Manager for Crawford County. Part-time, contractual position. Maximum salary \$15,000 annually. Human services background preferred. Knowledge of Criminal Justice system helpful. Candidate must submit to background check and may be subject to drug testing and psychological evaluation. Send resume by 1/18/99 to:

Case Manager
P.O. Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

3. Employment

FACULTY POSITION OPENINGS Spring Arbor College an evangelical Christian. Liberal Arts College, seeks qualified applicants for our Gaylord location. While affiliated with the Free Methodist Church and non-denominational in hiring policies, we are seeking Evangelical Christian applicants for the following positions. Adjunct Faculty for Management of Health Services Programs: Master's degree in health care administration or related health care field required. Must have related work experience in health care and teaching experience preferred in teaching a variety of courses in management within the health services environment. Please submit letter of application, resume with professional references, and a position paper on your commitment to evangelical Christian higher education and the integration of faith and learning to: Geri Morris, CAS - North Region, Spring Arbor College, 2200 Dendrinos Dr., Suite 200E, Traverse City, MI 49684 (-7-14/3)

HELP WANTED Residential Care Aids: North Central Community Mental Health is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Grayling. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratios of 1:3 or less. Starting wage is \$6.65/hr. Increase to \$7.32/hr., once paid in-service training program is successfully completed. Potential for promotion to full-time with excellent fringe benefit package. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/equivalent, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must pass physical requirements, and have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. To apply, call Beth Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (517) 348-2461. EOE (-14-21/3)

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**Public Notice
Request for Proposals**

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium is requesting proposals for the 1999 Summer youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

The target population is economically disadvantaged at-risk youth, including high school dropouts, ages 14 to 21 years. At-risk youth should be recruited through the schools.

Eligible proposers are educational agencies, community based organizations, and non-profit entities with demonstrated effectiveness with the named target groups.

Approximate program dollars are available by county, as follows:

Alcona	\$45,000
Alpena	\$140,000
Cheboygan	\$110,000
Crawford	\$60,000
Montmorency	\$42,000
Oscoda	\$42,000
Otsego	\$95,000
Presque Isle	\$66,000
TOTAL	\$600,000

Proposers may bid for one or more counties. Proposals are due by 12 noon on Monday, March 1, 1999. Late proposals will not be considered.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel at (517) 733-8548, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. A Bidder's Conference will be held on Monday, January 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, 20709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan.

1. Career Exploration for youth ages 14 to 16.

Program Purpose: Youth will have an opportunity to investigate various careers.

Activities: Proposed programs should include site visits to businesses and vocational schools, academic remediation, communication skills and values clarification. Performance payments for achievement will be allowed. Innovative activities that enable youth to work effectively in a team approach, to learn ways to solve problems and experience success, to gain confidence and boost self-esteem are encouraged.

Objectives:

- Improvement in employability skills.
- Enhancement of basic skills.
- Improvement in school retention and encouragement of school completion, or enrollment in supplemental or alternative school programs.
- Improvement in academic performance, including mathematics and reading comprehension.
- Enhancement of citizenship skills of youth, as defined in Section 4(33) of The Job Training Partnership Act.

Goals: The program should be outcome-based and enhanced youth's academic, social and personal management skills.

- To provide youth with the opportunity to explore careers and aid them in choosing related vocational and academic courses.
- To provide youth with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of employability skills and basic life skills.

Work Experience or Job Specific Internships for youth ages 16 to 21

Program Purpose: Youth will have the opportunity to enhance future employability through work in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector.

Activities:

- Work experience in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector for a maximum of 35 hours per week at minimum wage.
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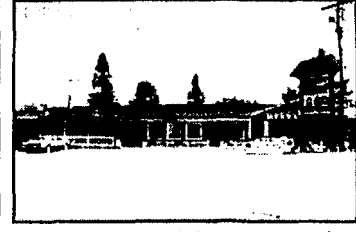
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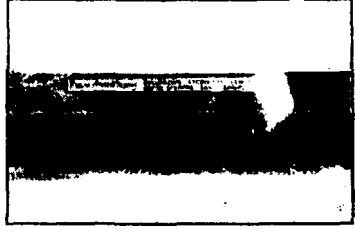
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